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The taxable property of Kansas is estimated at $75,000,000.

The amount of Internal Revenue receipts from tobacco for the year ending June is $22,200,000.

A bale of new cotton was received in Cincinnati on Thursday. It was grown near Natchez, Mississippi.

The coachman who married the Glen Cove young lady offers to relinquish all claims for $10,000.

James Gordon Bennett, Jr., has all the profits of the *Sunday Herald* for his pocket-money.

In some parts of Texas corn is so abundant that farmers cannot get rid of it at twenty-five cents a bushel.

Toledo has the impudence to put in against St. Louis and Chicago for the new location of the national capital.

A New Jersey negro who bought some rattle-snakes to learn music charming died before his education was perfected.

Park county, Indiana, it is said, will have a surplus of five hundred thousand bushels of wheat for sale this season.

Sprague has turned all his property into cash, and Miss Craig can find nothing to attach. Her attachment for Sprague is not so great as it was.

The question of Chinese voting is settled in Louisiana, where seven Chinamen were registered in a single parish.

It is reported that the cotton worm has made its appearance on several plantations on the Big Black, Mississippi.

The order of Free Masons has called a grand meeting of all Masons, to take place at Geneva, December 8th, this year.

A Sandwich Islands has a Mormon plantation of 298 adults. They engage in sugar culture, and export it to Salt Lake City.

A clerk in the American Express office at Louisville, named M. W. Kenney, is under arrest for the embezzlement of $1500.

The Labor Congress at Philadelphia adopted a resolution denouncing the Chinese coolie trade but favoring the protection of voluntary emigrants.

Judge A. Burwell has been appointed District Attorney of the Southern District of Mississippi, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the suspension of Judge G. Gordon Adam.

In consequence of the great drouth, many farmers in Virginia are cutting their corn for fodder, as it will not yield a barrel to the acre in many places.

Nearly all of the business portion of the town of Republic, Seneca county, Ohio, was burned on Thursday night. Loss supposed to be about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Joseph S. Sollberger, a young man of Ste. Genevieve county, Missouri, returned to that place a few days since with $40,000, the net proceeds of a mining venture in Idaho.

San Antonio, Texas, is a depot for Mexican goods. The bonded warehouse there has now a large amount of goods for different cities in Mexico, Chihuahua, Monterey, Saltillo and Paras.

The firm of Taylor & Bliss, large woolen manufacturers, in North Adams, Massachusetts, stopped their mills on Monday night, owing to the failure of Bowers, Beckman & Co., of New York.

One section man was instantly killed and two others badly wounded at Corinth, Mississippi, on Wednesday, while prying a car on the track, by a lever breaking and letting the car fall on them.

Some of the Cuban exiles are locating in Georgia. A few days since two Cuban gentlemen purchased a plantation of eight hundred acres from Mr. Charles J. Denham, of Columbus county, at a cost of $10,000.

Mrs. Lobdell, wife of Rev. Francis Lobdell, late rector of the Church of Advent, Cincinnati, died suddenly on Wednesday. The rector had just resigned on account of her health, and accepted a call to St. Paul's, New Haven, Connecticut.

Mrs. Harriet L. Hunter, a widow, for forty years Postmistress at Deerfield, Portage county, Ohio, has been superceded by an able-bodied hulk named George Hennica, and the citizens are indignant. Mrs. Hunter was thrice made a widow during her term of office.

The boring of an artesian well at St. Louis for the use of the distillery of Luther Gard & Co., has been in progress nearly five months. The well has now reached a depth of three hundred and forty feet, with a four-inch bore.

The Rev. Henry Jackson, a negro preacher, charged with rape upon the person of Susan Mitchell, a little negro girl about ten years old, at Summerfield, Alabama, was arrested by Justice Berry at Selma, on Wednesday, and committed to jail.

A young American girl was to be married at Bonn, Russia, a few weeks ago, to the son of a wealthy and aristocratic Prussian family. Just as they were stepping up to the altar, a young girl, holding an infant in her arms, rushed forward and implored the bride not to bestow her hand upon the groom, who, she said, had seduced her, and refused to do anything, either for her or for her child. The American girl immediately left the church and broke off the match, in spite of the efforts of her betrothed to explain the matter.

LETTER FROM HELENA.

The Crops and the Weather—Rural Splendors in Arkansas—The Example of Pennsylvania and its Recent Universal Suffrage to be Inscribed on the Banner of Arkansas—Reflections on Barbecues and Dancing—Return of Governor Clayton—The Debt of Arkansas—How Assessments are Made—The Handwriting on the Wall.

(Special Correspondence Memphis Avalanche.)

HELENA, August 15, 1869.

EDITORS AVALANCHE: If we had been favored on the 7th instant with such glorious weather as shone upon us to-day, we, too, would have had something to say about the rare and beautiful phenomenon which startled the northern half of the Western hemisphere about the hours of four and five o'clock p.m. of that day. But unfortunately for us, that portion of the "brave o'erhanging arch, the firmament," which spans the devoted little town of Helena, was on the 7th instant, of all days in the year, shrouded in gloomy, leaden-hued, angry clouds, which defied every effort of the sun to dissipate them, leaving many an anxious Helenale watcher and patient student and lover of nature the melancholy reflection that the solar eclipse—that sublimely beautiful feature of the nineteenth century—would take place behind the curtain, as far as he was concerned. We felt like one *outside* the walls of a theater upon whose boards some divinely inspired artist was taking the leading part in some magnificent drama. The day, atmospherically, was a memorable one. Preceded by a week of the most sultry weather, Saturday, the 7th of August, traveled every degree of the thermometer from 95° in the shade to 118° in exposed places. The early morn was sultry, noon cool and bracing, and just before and during the eclipse, partial of course only with us, the weather was almost positively cold. A keen dust wind blew fitfully all day, and no ray of sunshine fell upon the earth until about four and a half o'clock p.m., when a few gleams of golden rays struggled for a moment through the thick and cumulus clouds, just enough to show us the crescent of the sun. Our people, who lean to the strong side of the marvelous, and dearly love a sensation, were greatly disappointed —smoked their pieces of glass in silence only to throw them away in disgust. As the people of our entire country were on their good behavior on that day, and every manikin *scientist* plumed his astronomical wings, and reveled in the "rose prot uberances" of the eclipse, the future historian must not forget the reason why Helenaites did not hear on the 7th the music of the spheres; and why they didn't point the cylinders of their telescopes with persistent diligence into the ivory-tinted, saffron and crimson darkness in which was consummated the marriage feast of the sun and moon. Seven days have elapsed since the phenomenon, and the restored order of nature, the genial sunshine, full of ripening influences, and the gently falling rain, have given the lie to the false prophets who pretended to see in the eclipse the "sign and wonder" of the latter days, giving us renewed proof of the truth of the divine promise that "seed time and harvest shall not fail."

This is the resting time, the veritable Sabbath of the farmer. The crops are all laid by." Man has performed everything in his limited power; the plow and the hoe are wisely idle, and the silent and mysterious influences of nature must finish the work commenced in the cold, uncertain days of spring. It is very pleasant in the rural districts now. There is sunshine in the fields and in the quiet, shady homes of the farmer and planter, for God's blessing has fallen on the labors of the husbandman, and the kindly fruits of the earth are ripe for, or ripening to, his enjoyment. Wherever you go, smiling faces greet you, and every home in the land, from the once sumptuous and still neat and elegant residence of the planter to the humble hut of the freedman, a full-hearted hospitality awaits you, and is dealt out to friend and stranger. Hospitality is indigenous to the South. It springs from her fertile soil and ripens in her warm sunshine, as beautifully and as lavishly as the magnolia blooms and shed their perfume over her gardens. There was a time when it was princely, and it is still princely in its wholesomeness and geniality. As the phantom Poverty—alas! in many cases no phantom, but a terrible reality, bequeathed her by the war, and fastened on her by the war—vermin who infest her borders, who crawl loathsomely about her beautiful garments to fill their carpet-bags with stolen wealth—stolen from her own household when she was disarmed by her own pride—as Poverty leaves the South she will renew her claims to be the most hospitable of countries on this or the other side of both oceans. Already the dawning light of that better day coming cheers her dismantled homes, and if the growing crop of the year of Grace 1869 yields the harvest promised since a good "stand" was secured, the wolf will be no longer at her door. A few more days of blessed sunshine, a few more showers of rain, and the nimble fingers of the cotton-picker will proclaim, the crop of 1869 one of the best ever raised in the country. That, or rather this, crop secured and a new and brilliant career opens for this Southern land. Thanks to the bankrupt act of March 2, 1867—the one redeeming feature of a perfidious Congress—the State is out of debt; and thanks to the inspecuniosity brought on her by the war, the cursed credit system, that baneful source of so many of her woes, that paralyzing system which supped her industry and her enterprise, no longer finds an advocate among her citizens; has—in fact, passed away forever. She will henceforth be in a condition, when she has capital sufficient, to do that which she has never yet done, so-viz: essay a fair and honest development of her varied resources. But she cannot do this out of the surplus growing crop, even should that crop exceed her most sanguine expectations. A sense of self-respect and family pride will induce an investment of a large portion of the profits of that crop in repairing and making comfortable, if not elegant, her war-ruined homesteads. There is every reason to believe, however, that capital from abroad will flow into this State, and, as far as Arkansas is concerned, that her new life, both socially and as regards the development of her resources, and the pushing forward of her internal improvements, will date from the crops of 1869.

But there is another serious obstacle to her progress removed out of her path. The political crotchets, the perverse notions about political dogmas or shocking the party lines of political ethics, are banished forever from the minds of this people. Having learned wisdom in the bodily school of a bitter experience, the people of Arkansas henceforth will look to the interest of all classes composing the citizens of the State, and will support that man and those principles only that aim at the welfare of the whole people, irrespective of race, color or previous condition. What they would do were they free to act, sure to favor in their legislations what they should do under the circumstances, as sensible and intelligent men, is the only question which demands and receives their attention. Of course they spare your tree carpet-bagger, and his scoundrel accessory before and after the fact, the almon-pure exclusive, but these will lose sight of even these vermin in the grand programme they are preparing for redeeming and renewing the State. To follow the example so nobly set by Virginia and Tennessee, is and will be their ambition; and to secure for Arkansas, instead of a shameful and hollow mockery, a government based upon the consent of the governed. You may look to see inscribed upon the popular banner of Arkansas "universal amnesty and universal suffrage!" And under this motto her march to victory, to peace and prosperity, will be unimpeded.

Almost every township in Phillips and her sister counties has had its barbecue since the busy season preceding the "laying by" of the crops closed. The last given at Middle Bridge, in Big Creek township, in this county, is represented as being a decided success. There were fully five hundred persons present, among them a full representation of the beautiful daughters of the county. These barbecues are excellent institutions. Originating in the West Indies, where a hog, stuffed with odorous herbs and baked bread, after the manner of the ancient Romans, and roasted whole and partaken of at public or private feasts, was said to be barbecued. Or the dressing and roasting of a whole hog which was done by splitting the hog to the backbone and roasting it on a huge gridiron. With us, however, the term denotes a large social entertainment, *al fresco*, at which not only hogs but sheep and oxen are roasted or barbecued and partaken of with great gusto; but the other accompaniments of a good dinner are also furnished abundantly. In the North they have clam-bakes—and a glorious thing your old fashioned clam-bake is, to be sure; but we affect the barbecue as the better feast of the two. The *bran-dance* is an invariable feature of the real barbecue, and a delightful feature it is in the eyes of Young America, of both sexes. It is astonishing the amount of muscular energy which this healthful open-air dance superinduces. A delicate demoiselle will trip it for hours on the sawdust under the green boughs of the forest trees, utterly oblivious of the anxious looks of poor mamma, who is sadly conscious of having set up with "dear Celestina" the night before, "the dear girl having the heart disease, you know." But we will not carp at these innocent and healthful exercises. We are a fast friend of the simple pleasures which invigorate and not often clog, and which never leave a sting behind. They have dances in the open air, amid the perfumes of plants and flowers, under the loving eyes of parents and friends, and may we not add, under the approving smile of Heaven. The beautiful Miriam lead the daughters of Israel "with timbrel and with dancing" in rejoicing over the destruction of the chariots and horsemen of the pursuing Egyptians, and from "time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary" the heart of man has been made glad, and, consequently, better by music and by dancing. Then these bran-dances, properly "country dances," seldom come, recreate much, and cost little. How different are they from the dances *a la mode* of the ball-room—the senseless, indelicate, absurd and healthdestroying "round dances," so-called! Every true American should vote these four-footed and French innovations, these puerile "bobbing-round" eccentricities, borrowed from the *demi monde* of Europe—vote them out of every respectable parlor and drawing-room in the land. They were the soul and center of attraction of John Allen's "dance house" in New York, the first step in that crime-life which ended in all the wickedness of the Five Points, and they are now the rallying-ground of every *bagnio* in the land rich enough to hire a fiddler to play the *German*, or rasp away a miserable burlesque of *la belle Helene*. No wonder men and women should object to even the innocent past-time of the *bran-dance*, when they consider how much mischief the ball-room has entailed upon the human family.

The Governor, or as the Little Rock *Gazette* facetiously terms him, the "Khan Klayton," has returned from his Northern tour. He did not honor us of Helena with his august presence; hence we cannot say what effect the bills of fare of the Metropolitan had upon his health. His Excellency furnished some figures for the *New York Mail*, of Thursday, the 22d of July, which he did not vouchsafe to the people of Arkansas. They are pretty figures, and show Arkansas to be in a fair way of living, despite the leeches that cling to her body politic. We learn from the *Mail* that the total debt of the State is $4,300,000, which will be reduced to $1,800,000 by the sale of certain real estate, mortgaged to the State by the parties in whose favor the bonds were originally created. I presume the Governor accomplished while in Wall street the funding of the debt of the State, pursuant to the statute enacted last winter. New bonds taking the place of the old ones, running thirty years and bearing six per cent. interest, falling due in January and July, the first interest payment occurring next January, are to be, or rather have been executed; and the *Mail* says "they are beautiful specimens of engraving."

The Governor estimates the cotton crop of last year at 200,000 bales, worth $20,000,000; and thinks the growing crop will realize 300,000 bales, which will net at least $30,000,000. The patent right assessment system the assessed value of taxable property for 1869 amounts to $120,000,000. This looks all very beautiful to "a man up a tree," but his Excellency will find that the people don't fancy having their property assessed at four or five times its value. Assessors in Arkansas, "under the best (State) Government the world ever saw," are paid three per cent. upon whatever amount they make the value reach. This accounts for the milk in the cocoa-nut. Outsiders do not know these facts. As the Little Rock *Gazette* very pertly says, "They cannot see the pale-faced widows depriving themselves of the comforts of life, after parting with property at a sacrifice, bought up eagerly by Khan Klayton's Klan appointees, whose pockets are full of such blood-and-tear money, in order to meet the unparalelled exactions upon them. They do not see women and young girls, who were never so exposed before, driving the family milch cows through the streets to get rescued from the pay taxes upon these fraudulent assessments and valuations. Ah! Mr. Clayton, the handwriting is on the wall, and the people are treasuring up the great wrongs you and your party inflicted and are inflicting upon them. The day of retribution will come. The mills of the gods, you know, grind slowly, but grind exceedingly small.

RAMBLER.

The recent exhibition of textile fabrics in Cincinnati shows that the South is largely extending its cotton manufactories. According to the latest reports, Georgia has forty-seven cotton mills; South Carolina, forty; Missouri, twenty-seven; Alabama, eleven; Tennessee, forty; and there are also many mills in North Carolina. The product generally is fine shirtings and sheetings, and the specimens exhibited at Cincinnati compared favorably with the goods from the New England manufactories.

The horrible cruelties practised upon the unfortunate Carmelite nun at Cracow, with the story of which Europe has been ringing ever since their disclosure, have speedily produced their natural result. A commission has already been appointed by the Austrian Government to prepare a bill for placing monastic institutions, like all corporate bodies, under State control, Government supervision and control. This is a measure which was inevitable sooner or later.

Arkansas News.

Dardanelle is to have a new Presbyterian church.

Active religious revival at Andrew's Chapel, near Hazlewood.

Holland C. Musiam, of Dardanelle, has been arrested, charged with the murder of one Burke.

H. M. Youngblood, of Dardanelle, is out in a publication denying that he has been expelled from the church and the Masonic fraternity.

A stencil cutter from Philadelphia, named A. H. DeMyer, died recently at Searcy.

Speaking of the Memphis AVALANCHE, the *White River Journal* says: "This enterprising newspaper has come squarely out on the doctrine of Universal Suffrage in its broadest sense. It will uphold the negro in all his political rights, and go for the enfranchisement of all white men now disfranchised. This is right. It is willing to forget the past, to encourage immigration, capital and labor, and to protect all men, irrespective of race, birth, or condition. This is bully. The *Avalanche* will now take the lead of all Southern newspapers."

The Sons of America celebrated their anniversary a few days since. Speeches were made by Messrs. E. A. Warren and James T. Elliott.

The Pine Bluff *Republican* says: "The Pine Bluff and Memphis Packet Company has obtained a charter, and it is now a living institution. Two fine steamers will soon begin to ply between this place and Memphis." This being a home enterprise should receive a liberal patronage from our citizens.

Dolly Davenport's dramatic company, lately at Little Rock, abandoned the idea of going to Hot Springs, and is *en route* for St. Louis.

Mr. H. H. Rottaken, while en route to Hot Springs, a few days ago, about thirty miles from Little Rock, killed a rattlesnake five feet five inches long, thirteen inches in circumference, with twenty-three rattles and a button. The snake was presented to Dr. Lawrence, of Hot Springs.

Mr. Nelson, of Little Rock, has gone North to engage a theatrical company for the coming season.

Jacksonport is rejoicing in street lamps.

W. H. Page has been commissioned Justice of the Peace at Jacksonport.

The steamer Mollie Grants was sold last week by Captains Box and Whiteman to Mr. J. C. Mathews, of Jacksonport, for five thousand two hundred dollars. It is the design of the owners of the Grants to put her permanently in the Black river trade, to run in connection with the mail steamers Caldwell and Natonia.

A railroad from Helena to Jacksonport, is in agitation.

D. B. Williams, Esq., Superintendent of the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad, was at Little Rock on the 16th. The *Republican* says: "We learn from him that by the first of next week the cars will be running several miles this side of Forest City, fifty-seven miles from Memphis. Work is also progressing on the White river bridge. Work on this road is being crowded forward rapidly, and an early completion may be looked for."

A man named Bryant was killed recently in Clark county by one Mann, who plead self-defense as an excuse for the act.

The Pine Bluff *Republican* is opposed to Chinese immigration, and denounces all schemes for that purpose as swindles on the people of the South.

The Washington *Post* says: "Our sister county was visited, week before last, by a band of freebooters and thieves, among whom it is reported was the notorious Colonel Griffith, Parson Hunt, Rodgers and Edwards, the murderers of Griffin in Sevier county, and several other kindred spirits, numbering in all some ten or twelve gentlemen of the road." They ran off considerable stock.

Searcy was excited recently by the bursting of a still owned by Mr. Hicks, by which himself, Mr. Berry and Mr. Chrisman were badly injured. The still had just been charged, and Mr. Berry, Colonel Hicks and Mr. Chrisman were at the worm, looking at the whisky it was making when the explosion took place. Had they been in any other part of the building, they would have been killed outright, as the whole south side of the building was completely demolished. It seems that three different explosions took place, there being three different compartments to the still. The rivets in the boilers binding the same gave way, which was the cause of the explosion. Hicks was scalded on the back severely, both hands and in the face. Mr. Chrisman was scalded on the back and a little on the right arm. Mr. Berry was scalded on both feet and hands, and a little on the breast.

R. M. Walter, of Harrisburg, while *en route* for the Indian Nation, to intercept the ponies, was beset by highwaymen, on the old Memphis and Little Rock road, and robbed of several hundred dollars in gold and silver, after a sharp struggle, in which he was wounded in the wrist.

The crops are thriving in the country about Des Arc, and prospects were never more flattering. The same is true with regard to most sections of Arkansas.

Improvements are going ahead at Devall's Bluff.

One Theodore Wagner, a Justice of the Peace, at Little Rock, attempted to abscond on Saturday last with quite an amount of money belonging to other parties. He was taken from the train at Ink Bayou, and is now in the Pulaski county jail, on the charge of larceny.

The editor of the *White River Journal* has a festive way of expressing himself on some matters. We quote: "We notice that the small machine for squirting dirty dishwater, the Augusta *Sentinel*, couples our name with a row on the steamboat Liberty. About a game of cards. We had nothing whatever to do with the affair, except to keep the peace as long as practicable. We were not drinking whisky or playing cards. The writer of the article referred to is an impudent puppy, an unblushing scoundrel, and a notorious liar, and should receive a degree in all these, his accomplishments."

The Dardanelle *Transcript* says: "This is the year to top the bottom cotton, and from the 10th to the 20th of August is the time to top it. The rains have been so abundant this year, and the stalk has grown so luxuriantly, that we advise our farming friends not to neglect the topping of the bottom cotton this year."

The Van Buren *Press* says it has reliable information that the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad will be hurried to completion.

The Fort Smith *Herald* denies the appearance of cholera in that place.

A man named Richard Marshall cracked his head on a stone at Fort Smith recently, and died from the effect.

A splendid hay crop in Western Arkansas.

The Camden *Democrat* suggests a union of the Conservative Republicans with the old Whigs and Democrats for the overthrow of Radicalism, as lately effected in Tennessee.

The *White River Journal* says of the Judge of the County Court of Prairie county, he gets twelve hundred dollars per annum for services for which a bald-headed post surmounted by a watermelon rind would answer equally as well."

The Fort Smith *Herald* says the much desired change in the political affairs of Arkansas is coming on apace, and adds: "The result of the late election in Virginia, and the complete change of feeling and sentiment manifested recently in the States of the late so-called Rebellion, is a sure indication that the end is near at hand, and needs no interpretation whatever. The Radical Ring in Arkansas already see that their doom is sealed, and are true to their text, gobbling all they can before the change comes that will forever cast them into the darkness of nothingness, never to return, never to be thought of, but for damnation by unrepenting and oppressed people."

Vin Bonet is to have a cotton factory and a wool-carding machine.

A great religious revival is being carried on in Clark county.

A corporation for building a road across the Arkansas river, at or near Little Rock, has been formed in that city, and asks the county of Pulaski to subscribe $100,000 of its bonds to the company.

Mrs. Colonel Leake, of Camden, died the other day of congestion.

Big temperance pow-wow at Camden last week.

The colored people of Arkansas express much alarm at the prospect of Chinese immigration, and are "working like bees."

Marion Hulsey, of Independence county, was killed recently by two neighbors named Dowdy and Camp, against whom he had entered a suit on account of damage by hogs in a cornfield. Camp and Dowdy are at large.

An attempted revival of a religious nature at Magnolia, failed. Nobody came forward. Are the people thereabouts all pious, or sin-hardened?

A fair will be held in Des Arc in October.

The new flouring mill of Hon. William Byers, at Batesville, was burned some days ago. Loss, $12,000. Incendiarism.

OUR STATE FINANCES.

A Full Statement of the New Debt.

Secretary Fletcher's letter on State finances and repudiation, the main points of which were given in special dispatches to the AVALANCHE, a few days since, contains the following with regard to what are known as the new bonds:

The new issue amounts to $19,535,000, and is made up of the following items:

1. Bonds issued for the interest and debt matured during the late war	$4,912,000
2. Bonds issued in funding old debt matured since the war	1,000,000
3. Bonds issued in exchange for registered and defaced bonds	378,000
4. Bonds issued since the war to paying railroad companies, who do not ask to be relieved of the debt	4,470,000
5. Bonds issued to non-paying railroads	8,795,000
Total	$19,535,000

Of the first three items, amounting to $6,270,000, the may be said that they stand in law, equity and honor on precisely the same footing as the old debt. The old debt to that amount having been retired, and the overdue bonds and coupons cancelled and filed in the office of the Controller. There is just as little grounds for objection to the fourth item of $4,470,000, being bonds issued in aid of solvent and responsible railroad companies who pay their interest without difficulty.

The remaining $8,795,000 was issued to railroad companies who fail to pay interest, and most of them now are in the hands of Receivers. The State has its lien on these roads, and some of them are worth more than they owe the State; others are worth the greater portion of their indebtedness, and some will fall far short if forced to sale in their present unfinished condition. It is difficult to see how the State can ultimately loose on these non-paying roads more than three millions, provided reasonable diligence is used by the Legislature and its agents. The State of Tennessee cannot afford to repudiate $3,000,000.

A Stinging Rebuke to General Grant.

The removal of Judge Jeffords, of the Supreme Court of Mississippi, and other officers by the satrap Ames was followed by the resignation of G. Gordon Adams, United States Attorney for the Southern District, who, in a stinging letter to President Grant, says:

"Though the office is not one of much importance, I cannot retain it without being identified to some extent with an administration whose acts, so far as they relate to my State, I cannot approve. Major Woffard, an officer of the late rebel army, who, in defiance of the contumely and reproach heaped upon him by the Southern people, supported bravely and almost alone in his district the reconstruction policy of Congress, has been removed from office. From the late approved published statement of your views, I am justified in the belief that this is done in accordance with the established policy of your administration. From the same sources I learn your confidence in and support of General Ames, an officer who has degraded his position as Military Commander of the Fourth Military District, by exercising its functions solely in furtherance of his own personal and political ends, unhesitatingly avowing that he desired to use the high office of Senator from my State as a stepping-stone to the appointment of Brigadier General in the Regular Army, and whose whole course in that State has been marked by a tyrannical exercise of power utterly antagonistic to the spirit of the reconstruction laws. As a resident of Mississippi, and one of the Republican party in that State, though never a political aspirant, I would be false to my State and to the Republican principles which I have always maintained if I longer retained the office to which your kind, preference has assigned me.

Cotton—Its Prices and Supply.

The mill owners of Lancashire, England, are just now venting their recurrent plaint, which has become annual since the close of the American war, relative to the high price of cotton and the irregularity or uncertainty of the supply—the effect and cause. As usual they turn their eyes toward India in the hope of liberating the Liverpool and Manchester markets from their dependence on the cotton fields of the Southern States of the American Union, and, as usual also of late, have chosen the London *Times* as the advocate of a great industrial and commercial revolution in this direction. Free trade and cotton from India are again made the leading points of an editorial argument in the *Times*, as telegraphed to us by the Atlantic cable. The writer—speaking of a communication sent to the paper—says that in a competitive race against American industry, as "revived," India would possess "great advantages," which, if "increased by the judicious action of the government, it is probable that India agriculture and British industry would be re-established." It is the old story, the ancient song. Cotton from India was the cry with certain parties of powerful interests in Great Britain for years previous to the breaking out of the war against the Union, and cotton from India remained their unceasing desire during the progress of the rebellion. Inciting the South to anarchy and bloodshed with one hand, the ruling powers of England desired nothing better than that the cultivation of the valuable staple of that portion of our soil should pass to Asia and under the control of their own capitalists and government during a term of turmoil and carnage here. They were disappointed, as in other matters of expectation in this respect, and to-day find the cotton supply scant and the cost high. It will remain so. Nature is against them. So long as the cotton fields of America are moistened by the evaporated water of the Gulf Stream, so long will American cotton rank first in the foreign markets and maintain its superiority over the short fine and dusty, sanded and consumption bearing product of British India, although there are as many as fifty-one varieties of it out already.

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NEWSPAPER SALES

For the quarter ending June 31, 1869, as reported to the U. S. Assessor:

AVALANCHE,	$9,440 88
APPEAL,	4,593 78
SUN,	2,300 00
POST,	1,804 00

IT WAS a beautiful remark of a distinguished English writer, that "in the Roman Senate OCTAVIUS had a party, and ANTONY a party, but the Commonwealth had none." In the United States GRANT has a party, and BOUTWELL a party, but the country has none. While patriots are invoking peace, harmony and union—not of a party for the sake of that party—but a union of the whole country for the sake of the whole country—for the promotion of the honor, interest, prosperity and happiness of the people—it is a sickening sight to see the President of the United States laboring to promote party ends instead of the public good. The war is over; terminated nearly five years ago, yet the President is slow to give peace to the country and to reconstruct the South, because he is fearful it cannot be made to support his despicable party and his infamous Administration. The whole power and patronage of President GRANT will be used to force Mississippi and Virginia into a support of General GRANT'S policy. Such was not the teachings of our statesmen in the purer and better days of the Republic. General JACKSON, in his first Inaugural Address, said:

The recent demonstration of public sentiment inscribes on the list of executive duties, in characters too legible to be overlooked, the task of *reform;* which will require particularly the correction of those abuses that have brought the patronage of the Federal Government into conflict with the freedom of elections, and the counteraction of those causes which have disturbed the rightful course of appointment, and have placed or continued power in unfaithful or incompetent hands.

In bold, strong language, General JACKSON, condemns the practice of bringing "the patronage of the Federal Government into conflict with the freedom of elections." But with the insolence of a Dictator, the arrogance of an Autocrat, the austerity of a Despot, and the assumption of an Emperor, he brings "the patronage of the Federal Government in conflict with the freedom of elections" by telling the people of the proud old Commonwealth of Virginia how they must vote, and by turning out office-holders in Mississippi because they dare to doubt his infallibility, and treat with scorn the cracking of his party whip. But if GRANT had a party, and WELLS a party, in Virginia, the Commonwealth had a party too; and the result in Mississippi will teach GRANT and BOUTWELL that while they are blessed with a party, the State, the people, have a party still stronger and far more patriotic.

A FRIEND, for whom we entertain a profound respect, in a recent letter says: "The Supreme Court, in the case of RIDLY vs. SHEERBROOK, reported in 2d CALDWELL, held that the Franchise law was a part of the Constitution. It is therefore indispensible to hold a Constitutional Convention to place the Franchise law upon a firm and clear footing. Our Supreme Court, too, must be reorganized. It was placed in its present shape thirty odd years since, when a session of a few weeks at the places designated in the three grand divisions of the State was sufficient to dispose of all the business. Now, the Court, upon a three-months' session in the west end of the State, cannot get through, and cases of vast importance to suitors are hung up from year to year without being disposed of, to the great injury of the citizens. The entire absence of any intention to strip the negro of the power to vote renders the constant discussion of the subject wholly unnecessary, and you will permit a personal friend, who was a subscriber for your paper before you came to Memphis, to make the suggestion." Our friend has read the newspapers to little profit, if he has not seen an open, determined desire to strip the negro of the privilege to vote. If the Supreme Court has already decided the Franchise law a part of the Constitution, what objection has any one to incorporating the right of the negro to vote in a new Constitution in plain and unmistakable language. The Supreme Court sometimes reverses itself, and we do not propose that the right of any one to vote shall depend on the caprice of the Legislature or the Supreme Court. Let it be a Constitutional right, which neither the Legislature nor the courts of the country can interfere with. We want this subject settled forever. We can never secure peace until all men, of every race and nationality, are perfectly secure by the organic law in his right to the Elective Franchise. We cannot discontinue a discussion of this subject if we would, and would not if we could. While legislating upon the subject, let us rid the people of it forever. A convention will be called at an early day, for the Legislature can do but little before the convention acts, as most of the legislation will be predicated upon the new constitution. As the Legislature will call the convention at an early day, we repeat the necessity of our people casting about for the purpose of selecting their best men. We repeat our determination to support no man who proposes to disturb the negro in his right to vote, and who is unwilling to incorporate this right into the Constitution. This issue cannot be evaded. It should be made broad, distinct, and emphatic. Go-betweens—men who would compromise on the subject and delude the negro by various sections to the Constitutions and Resolutions in the Legislature—are not fit for the occasion. One of the contemptible means suggested to rid the State of negro suffrage is to pass a Constitutional Amendment and a Legislative enactment requiring a property qualification of voters. This subterfuge will fail. Our foreign population, many of whom are poor, but always made targets for bullets in time of war, will split upon those who would insult them by making poverty a crime. The poor people in the hills and mountains of East Tennessee would consign the friends of such a measure to everlasting obscurity, and of course the colored population would vote solid against those who would deprive them of their right to vote by trickery. Educational or property qualifications are incompatible with the genius of a republican government. The illiterate denizen of the forest is a better judge of the wants of his ignorant neighbors than the gilt-edged, rose-water pedagogues. The coal-heaver or the plebeian in his hut carries in his bosom a heart as brave and honest as the rich rascal. Men who carry the cartridge-box should have access to the ballot-box. Men who are required to shoot bullets at the enemies of their country should have the privilege of shooting paper pullets at the despots who would rob freemen of the right of suffrage. One of the cardinal principles of our political creed is, no property qualification is necessary to become a voter. The day will never come when property will become the test of a man's voting qualifications. If a man can't vote because he is poor, the rich man worth a million of dollars ought to be allowed ten thousand votes, and thus place the ballot-box in the hands of the rich, who would make themselves still richer and the poor still poorer.

"MONSIEUR TONSON come again." The heart of the antediluvian *Appeal* is nearly broken. The two following lines, which stand at the head of the editorial columns of the AVALANCHE, are as repulsive to our neighbor as coffee and castor oil is to a sick stomach, or water to a mad-dog. Newspaper sales for the quarter ending June 31st, 1869:

AVALANCHE	$4440 88
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It seems these two lines blister the eyes of our neighbor. They eat to his heart as aquafortis cdrrodes and eats up an old rusty nail. They are more annoying than a hatching bile, a festering cancer, or a tape-worm. A perusal of those two lines causes the *Appeal* editor to pule and mewe, to burst into tears, wring his hands, beat his breast, pull his hair and gnash his toothless gums. We beg this seedy old concern to unscrew the pucker of its mouth and gracefully yield, acquiesce and submit to a result it cannot control. This is a new era, an age of progress, and such sleepy, hobbling, creeping, tottering papers as the *Appeal* must abandon the hope, painful as it may be, of keeping up with such agile, wide-awake, stirring, advancing, progressive papers as the AVALANCHE. But the *Appeal* is reluctant to throw up the sponge. Like a culprit bragging over the respectability of his kin, or a bankrupt nabob dwelling upon his former grandeur, the *Appeal* goes back and tells what it has been. Such a resort for consolation reminds us of the gluttonous old millionaire, who after becoming a needy, penniless beggar, spent the remnant of his days in reading Mrs. LESLIE'S cook-book. On his table lay the book thumb-screwed, dog-eared and literally worn out by the frequent perusal of the manner in which his table used to groan under his victuals, viands, pottage and puddings. The *Appeal* sucks consolation from what it has been as the weasel sucks eggs, or the gouty epicure derived comfort from the tattered old book that told of birds swimming in gravy, chicken salad, stuffed turkeys, luscious fruits, nectar and ambrosia. But we intend to deprive the *Appeal* even of this poor source of comfort, by showing that the AVALANCHE has been as far ahead of it in the past as it will be in the future. It may seem a small business to dig up the past for the purpose of showing the relative success and popularity of the two papers; but as the *Appeal* has commenced it we will meet the issue of its own creating. It is always understood that the public advertise in the most popular paper—the paper having the largest circulation; and the figures show which was the most popular paper, which paid the more taxes for income on advertising before the law was repealed. At the end of every quarter the reports of the AVALANCHE were larger than the *Appeal's*, and we gained on it at the end of each new quarter, as the figures we propose publishing will show. If this law had not been repealed by Congress the quarterly reports up to this time would have been equally as damaging to the *Appeal* and as favorable to the AVALANCHE. Two weeks ago to-day we challenged, dared and defied the *Appeal* to submit its paper bills for the last three years to disinterested parties of its own selection, who, we proposed, should decide which paper had the largest circulation. It skulked from a proposition which everybody pronounced honorable, just and fair. We repeat the challenge. If the *Appeal* accepts it, and we do not show nearly double its circulation, we will admit that we have lied, made out bogus returns, committed perjury and endeavored to secure the favors of advertisers by fraud and humbuggery.

ONE of the most kindly, accomplished gentlemen of this age and country, was THOMAS P. AUGUST, of Richmond, whose death the Virginia papers announce. His appearance and manners were remarkably prepossessing. With but indifferent advantages in early life, he had risen to the front rank in his profession, at a bar conspicuous for ability and brilliancy. As a successful criminal advocate, there were but two men in all that section—Judge CRUMP and MARMADUKE JOHNSON—who could pretend to appose him. For genial humor, and genuine wit, he has without a rival; and he was the only man whom we have ever known to possess this dangerous gift, who never, in a solitary instance, allowed it exercise to wound the sensibilities of others. One L. J. BROMLOW has written a book entitled "The Wit and Humor of the Bar. That entire book does not contain as many bonafide, genuine, spontaneous wit as TOM AUGUST alone has perpetrated at the Richmond bar. Many of our citizens will remember that he was in Memphis about a year since, and that while here he had a protracted spell of sickness, which for a while threatened to defy the utmost appliances of medical skill. His engaging manners, incomparable humor, and [illegible] abiding impression on those who formed his acquaintance then, and who now will receive with pain the intelligence of his death. We extract the following from the *Southern Metropolis*, of Baltimore:

Three of the wittiest men America has produced were named Tom—Tom Marshall, Tom Corwin and Tom August. The last was born in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and died the other day in Richmond. He was still in the meridian of life, and was in all respects a brilliant man. He was self-made, and a lawyer of distinction. His wit gratified him to rank with Douglas Jerrold. Being on the Broad Rock race course, he held stakes for several parties, some of whom had bet on Colonel Alexander's celebrated racer, Red-eye. Alexander's horse, as usual, was about winning the race, when August, seeing around him a goodly company of the legal profession, got off the following: "If Red-eye wins," said Tom, "I do not intend to pay over the stakes." "Why not?" asked the interested bystanders, excitedly. "Because, gentlemen, you are betting on a certainty." "No such things how the devil do you speak that, Patrick, now, to a gentleman?" "Sweet are the legal principles: *Id certum est quod certum reddi potest!*"

On another occasion August was running for the Legislature against the brilliant but erratic Admiral Judson Crane, who was an emigrant to Virginia from Maryland. "When I landed in Virginia, my fellow-citizens," said Crane, "I had but seventy-five cents in my pocket." "And when I landed in Virginia," said he, "I had not a shirt on my back!" immediately replied Tom.

He was a fine criminal lawyer, and at the bar was always cornuscating *bon-mots*, especially in examining witnesses. We heard him once defending a bar-keeper from the charge of violating the law against lotteries. His client had had a raffle, at ten cents a chance, and some one who had taken chances, being dissatisfied with his fortune, had him indicted under the lottery law. A witness on the stand testified that he had become convinced, before the drawing, that the thing was a swindle. "And what did you do?" asked the State's Attorney.

Witness—"Why, I went to the saloon and drawed my money."

Attorney—"And how did you draw it?"

"Why, be-fraud-ed, of course, of course. Why do you ask such a question?" immediately suggested Tom. The witness had to confess that counsel had struck the nail on the head. He had taken a julep with his ten cents.

LIGHT

At the recent election in Virginia the vote on the proposed Constitution was as follows:

For Constitution	210,585
Against	9,136
Majority for	201,449
Against Disfranchisement	124,309
For	83,410
Majority against	39,899
Against Test Oath	124,715
For	83,358
Majority against	41,357

Here is presented the fact that the people, by a majority of 41,357, voted the test-oath clause out of the Constitution of their State, and yet General CANBY, aided and abetted by the GRANT administration, proposes to disregard this verdict of the people and require members of the Legislature to take the oath which has been so signally repudiated by the people. It is by such high-handed usurpation that it is hoped to elect two Radical United States Senators in Virginia, and thus defeat the popular will.

THE Richmond papers deny that Hon. R. M. T. HUNTER ever wrote the foolish letter which appeared in the newspapers a few weeks since. We were astounded when we read the letter that a man of Mr. HUNTER'S known caution and prudence should put his name to such a stupid document. Having commented on the letter attributed to Mr. HUNTER with some severity, we take pleasure in making this correction.

LETTER FROM MR. TOMENY.

He Denies the Imputations of "Julius," and Pronounces Him a Slanderer and Calumniator.

MEMPHIS, August 20, 1869.

EDITORS AVALANCHE: In your issue of this morning appears an unprovoked, slanderous attack upon me, over the signature of "Julius," a contemptible scribbler, it would seem, has taken ten days to prepare a reply to my letter, published in the AVALANCHE on the 10th instant.

Whoever *he* may be, the charges he makes are of so grave a character as to require refutation. I am, therefore, reluctantly obliged to ask a space in your columns for that purpose. This I ask only when the necessity of defending my acts is forced upon me by unjust imputations, and, as in this case, bald, unsupported falsehood. In the letter of "Julius" there is but a single truthful utterance. After stating rather vaguely the precise time at which I attached myself to the Radical party, he says: "And since, he has done everything that his limited capacity could devise to keep that party in power." This is true, but when he says: "His introduction into the city, on election day, of his twenty 'boys in blue,' was for no other purpose than to intimidate and threaten with Radical power," he utters a deliberate, malicious, falsehood. I make no apology for bringing United States troops here on the occasion referred to, but only wish to be judged by the record. They were brought here in the interest not of any party, but of peace, law and order—to protect life and property. During their stay in Memphis their conduct was unexceptionable, and they interfered with no person in any manner whatever, which is a sufficient answer to all the slanders which have been written concerning my action in the premises. Pretending to quote from my published letter, he makes me say that the presence of the troops here "would have a beneficial and tranquilising effect *upon the rebel element.*" This is grossly and *stupidly* false. I did not use the words "upon the rebel element," which I have italicised; nor did I refer to any particular class in the community, except to express the opinion that the colored people would cheerfully acquiesce in the action of the troops, should any necessity arise for their assistance. Reference to my letter by any one will, in this, convict "Julius" of a wilful, deliberate misrepresentation. The old Latin law maxim is: *Falsus in uno, falsus in omnibus.* But I will not rest my defense on that.

I might content myself with a general unequivocal denial of the truth of all his charges, but that course would subject me to misapprehension, and I prefer to answer them in detail. A. M. Thornton and myself, he says, "robbed and extorted from the merchants and people of Memphis, in one way or another, more than $100,000." False! deliberately, maliciously false, every word of it. Again, he says W. L. Stewart "paid fifteen hundred dollars in cash to Tomeny to release his fifteen bales of cotton."

Mr. Stewart, himself, his partner or agent, never, directly or indirectly, paid me fifteen hundred dollars, or any other sum for releasing any cotton whatever.

I never seized any cotton claimed by Mr. Stewart, and never released any to him.

Again, "Julius" says: "About the same time J. M. Coleman paid Tomeny three thousand dollars in cash to get thirty bales released." I never seized any cotton claimed by Mr. Coleman, never released any, and, finally, did never received a dollar, directly or indirectly, from him for any act whatever.

"Julius" must have to utter this infamous accusation:

"Another source of getting money, by which Tomeny extorted large sums, was the selling of permits to take Confederate goods beyond the lines to supply the rebels."

EVANSVILLE.

Suicide of a Distinguished Officer.

EVANSVILLE, August 23.—Major Louis Mandisi, formerly of the 10th Tennessee Infantry, and afterwards a staff officer under General Sillem, committed suicide last night by shooting himself through the head. The cause of the rash act is supposed to have been mental despondency. He was formerly in the Austrian army, took part in the revolution of 1848, and served ten years in the 1st United States Infantry.

GETTYSBURG.

Arrangements for the Reunion.

GETTYSBURG, August 23.—Governor Geary and others who took part in the war, will arrive to-morrow.

General Lee, in acknowledging the receipt of an invitation to be present, says his engagements will not permit his attendance, and adds: "It is wisest not to keep open the sores of the war, but to follow the example of those nations who endeavored to obliterate the marks of strife and commit oblivion the feelings it engendered."

SARATOGA.

Result of the Trot.

SARATOGA, August 23.—In the trot to-day Mountain Boy beat Lady Thorne three straight heats. Time—2:27, 2:24¼ and 2:25¼. Commodore Vanderbilt and wife were on the ground.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

NEW YORK, August 23.—Cotton quiet; sales, 400 bales; uplands, 35c. Flour, $5 75@6 30. Wheat, $1 40@1 50. Whiskey, $1 25. Corn, 90@$1 15. Rice, 8½@9¼c. Sugar, 12½@13c. Coffee firm. Molasses quiet.

Dry Goods—Market on the whole rather quiet than otherwise, except for certain bulky classes of goods, which are being bought more in consideration of the low rates of freight than to any urgent pressing wants of the trade. In prices of staple cottons there is no particular change to note.

Money—Easier at 6@7 per cent on call. Hints of approaching stringency are however thrown out on account of moving Western crops and by reason of a continuation of leading bears and shylocks. The railroad war in freight is considered about over. Rates are already advanced, and the expected old tariff will soon be restored. Sterling exchange is dull at 109½@109¾. Gold active; opened at 131¼, advanced to 132¼ and closed at 132. Carrying rates, $1,211½. Clearances, $110,000,000. Governments strong. Stock bonds dull; old Tennessees, 60½; new, 53¼.

LOUISVILLE MARKETS.

LOUISVILLE, August 23.—Superfine flour, $5. Corn, 80@85c. Oats, 45@55c. Whisky, $1 20. Sales 23 hhds tobacco at $7 20@12 50. Pork $34@34 50. Bacon 16½@16¾c for shoulders, and 19½@19¾c for clear sides. Hams, 22@23½c. Lard, 20½c. Groceries very firm and in fair demand. Accounts from the East report the weather moderating.

CINCINNATI MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, August 23.—Family flour, $5 15@6. Corn, 97@98c. Oats, 55@56c. Whisky, $1 19. Pork, $35 50. Bulk meats—14c for shoulders, and 16½ for sides. Bacon—15½c for shoulders, and 19c for clear sides. Lard, 20c. Wheat—red, $1 20@1 25; white, $1 30@1 35. Rye, $1. Butter, 25@30c. Eggs, 13c. Barley, $1 50. Hams, 23@25c.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, August 23.—Flour, spring extras, $5 70@7 12½. Wheat, $1 38. Corn, 87½c. Oats, 46c. Rye, 93@94c. Barley, $1 14@1 15. Highwines, $1 18. Pork, $34. Lard, 19½@19¾c. Hams, 18½c. Bulk shoulders, 15½c; sides, 16½c. Cuba sugar, 13¼@14½c.

ST. LOUIS MARKETS.

ST. LOUIS, August 23.—Super. flour, $4 75@5 25. Corn, 80@86c. Oats, 42@52c. Barley, $4 15. Rye, 90@95c. Whisky, $1 19. Pork, $34 25. Bulk shoulders, 14½c; clear ribbed sides, 17c. Bacon—15½c for shoulders, and 19@19½c for clear sides. Lard, 19½c. Hams, 23@25c. Sugar, 12¼@14½c. Molasses, 70@80c.

NEW ORLEANS MARKETS.

NEW ORLEANS, August 23.—Cotton dull—Sales 16 bales; receipts, 65 bales. Quotations nominal. Exports for the day, coastwise, 2138 bales. Stock, 189. Flour—superfine, $5 75; XX, $6 50; XXX, $6 65. Corn—supply light; mixed, 97½c; white, $1. Oats—new, 65@66c; old, 68c. Bran, $1. Hay firmer at $28@29. Pork held at $35 50. Bacon firm at 17c for shoulders; sides, 19½@20c. Hams, 24@25c. Lard, sugar, molasses and coffee dull and unchanged. Whisky firmer; Western rectified, $1 25@1 30. Gold, 132½. Sterling exchange, 145@145½. New York sight drafts, ½ premium. Mercury 80. Rain falling this evening. The crop reports are favorable.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, August 23. — Cotton easier; middling uplands, 13¼d; Orleans, 14d. Sales to-day, 10,000, bales, including 2000 bales for speculation and export. California white wheat, 11s; red western, 9s 8d. Inferior sold at lower prices. Flour, 23s 3d. Corn, 32s. Oats, 3s 8d. Peas, 43s 6d. Weather fair and favorable for the crops.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

BERGER—The friends and acquaintances of Henry Berger are respectfully invited to attend the funeral of his wife, from his residence, No. 302 Poplar street, this (Tuesday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

CASTELLO—The friends and acquaintances of Patrick and Ann Castello are respectfully invited to attend the funeral of their daughter, Bridget, this (Tuesday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock, from their residence, 58 Overton street.

TELEGRAPH.

MIDNIGHT DISPATCHES

JACKSON, MISS.

Infamous Order of General Ames—Civil Law Set Aside—Heavy Storm—Killed by Lightning.

[Special to the Avalanche.]

JACKSON, Miss., August 23—8:40 p.m. General Ames has issued the following order to commanders of posts in Mississippi:

"The Commanding General directs that you do not obey in future any writ of *habeas corpus* issued by any United States, District or Circuit Court, nor any order made by such courts for the release of prisoners in your custody. Should such writ or order be served upon you, report the fact by telegraph."

We had a heavy storm of wind and rain this evening. A large tree standing in the barracks ground was struck by lightning, and a soldier was killed instantly. Although his hat, pants and shoes were torn in fragments, no marks could be found on his body.

WASHINGTON.

Reduction of Expenses—Internal Revenue Receipts—Advices from Cuba—A Sharp Engagement—Base Ball Match.

WASHINGTON, August 23.—Advices from Cuba to the 13th, received by Cuban sympathizers here, give accounts of a fight between a portion of General Jordon's command and the troops of Valmesada, Puerto Padre, numbering at least seven hundred, and were encamped near Puerto Padre when they were attacked by a force of Spanish regulars and volunteers over one thousand strong. In the first attack the Cubans were compelled to fall back, securing a more defensible position, and they repulsed the Spaniards in their second attack. The loss of the Cubans in the contest was one hundred and fifty in killed, wounded and missing. That of the Spaniards is represented as more than double that number.

It is estimated at the Treasury Department that the saving to the Government from a reduction of the force in that department alone, exclusive of those dismissed from the Printing Bureau, is $50,000 per month. Several more removals are to be made on the return of the Secretary to Washington.

NEW YORK.

John Bull Studying American Improvements—Advanced Freight Rates—Railroad Matters—Serious Accident.

NEW YORK, August 23.—Captain Shaw, of the London fire brigade, has left here for a tour through the principal cities of the South and West, and will, probably, on his return home, recommend the adoption of many of the best features of the American system.

Railroad freights to the West are to-day advanced to the following figures: Chicago, 32; Cincinnati, 35; Louisville, 50; St. Louis, 56 per hundred.

A lightning express has been ordered on the Erie railroad, which takes passengers through to Chicago in thirty-six hours. Fares are expected to be reduced, in fact it is certain that the advance in freights will be maintained.

The reported contract for the consolidation of the Central and Hudson River railroads is now ready for ratification, and is about to be signed.

Seven laborers were precipitated to the ground by a fall of the scaffold on the new gas tank, in East Twenty-first street, to-day, and were all severely injured.

CINCINNATI.

Base Ball Match Between the Southerners and Red Stockings—Latter Victorious.

CINCINNATI, August 23.—A big crowd attended the game of base ball to-day, between the Southerners of New Orleans and the Red Stockings. The game was won by the latter. Score, thirty-five to three. Red Stockings made only one in last innings. Their fielding was good, but the weather was too warm for first-rate playing. The Southerners best hold was first base and short stop. Their fielding was good, but batting poor. The rain stopped the game at one time, but it was played through.

PHILADELPHIA.

Affairs of the Irish Republicans.

PHILADELPHIA, August 23.—The President of the Irish Republican Association of Pennsylvania issues a card declaring that the Irish Convention, lately in session in Chicago, elected no President of the Irish Republican Association of America; nor did it select any newspaper as a special organ, and that all claimants to that position are imposters.

HAVANA.

HAVANA, August 21.—Colonel Vecolan, with three hundred men and three pieces of artillery, attacked and routed four hundred insurgents near Jacotis, in the Central Department. The latter left twenty killed on the field.

New Advertisements.

BANKS.

Union and Planters' Bank

OF MEMPHIS.

Authorized Capital, - $1,000,000

Subscribed Capital, - - $671,300

Sixty per cent. of the subscribed Capital Stock will be in cash at Commencement, and privilege retained of calling the balance within four months.

WILL open to do a General Banking Business, on

SEPTEMBER 1, 1869.

At No. 16 Madison street, until completion of their new building, at No. 11 Madison street.

Prompt attention given to collections and remittances.

New York Exchange now for sale.

DIRECTORS:

Wm. M. Farrington, of Memphis, Tenn.
J. J. Hawkins, " "
C. B. Church, " "
John Johnson, " "
G. W. Gayer, " "
Wm. R. Glenshaw, " "
W. B. Galbreath, " "
Napoleon Hill, " "
A. Vaccaro, " "
Joseph Bruce, " "
E. M. Estes, " "
M. L. Meacham, " "
Wm. A. Williamson, of Somerville, "
Jas. A. Rogers, of Brownsville, "
Nathan Adams, of Stanton Depot, "

OFFICERS:

WM. M FARRINGTON, Pres't.
W. A. WILLIAMSON, Vice-Pres't.
S. P. READ, Cashier.

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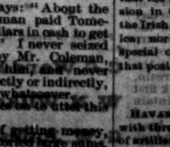
MILLS.

J. MORGAN COLEMAN, President. HARDY COLEMAN, Vice-President.

Kentucky Rolling Mill Co

No. 291 Main Street,

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.



MANUFACTURERS OF MERCHANT BAR IRON, Boiler PLATE, HORSE SHOES, ETC.

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New Advertisements.

AUCTION SALES.

Regular Trade Sale of

DRY GOODS

AT AUCTION,

On Tuesday Morning, August 24, 1869,

AT TEN O'CLOCK A.M.,

Bleached and Brown Domestics, Osnaburgs, Checks, Kerseys, Jeans, Flannels, Prints, Calicoes, Brown Goods, Hickory, Ticking.

Terms, cash. GUTTILIER & HERKIRK, Wholesale Auctioneers, (Corner Second and Adams streets.

ASSIGNEES' NOTICES.

NOTICE.

District of West Tennessee, } ss.
In Bankruptcy.

At Memphis, Tenn., 23d day of August, 1869.

THE undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of JNO. W. WALKER, individually and as one of the firm of Filbert, Minter & Walker, of Memphis, Shelby county and State of Tennessee, within said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district.

aug21 O. WOOLDRIDGE, Assignee.

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aug21 O. WOOLDRIDGE, Assignee.

NOTICE.

District of West Tennessee, } ss.
In Bankruptcy.

At Memphis, Tenn., 23d day of August, 1869.

THE undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of GRAFTON BAKER, of Memphis, Shelby county, and State of Tennessee, within said District, who has been adjudged a bankrupt, upon his own petition, by the District Court of said District.

aug21 O. WOOLDRIDGE, Assignee.

NOTICE.

District of West Tennessee, } ss.
In Bankruptcy.

At Memphis, Tenn., 23d day of August, 1869.

THE undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of NOAH DAMAN, individually and as one of the firm of Montgomery & Daman, of Memphis, Shelby county and State of Tennessee, within said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said District.

aug21 O. WOOLDRIDGE, Assignee.

NOTICE.

District of West Tennessee, } ss.
In Bankruptcy.

At Memphis, Tenn., 23d day of August, 1869.

THE undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of B. C. YOUNG, of Memphis, Shelby county, and State of Tennessee, within said District, who has been adjudged a bankrupt, upon his own petition, by the District Court of said District.

aug21 O. WOOLDRIDGE, Assignee.

NOTICE.

District of West Tennessee, } ss.
In Bankruptcy.

At Memphis, Tenn., 23d day of August, 1869.

THE undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of T. S. BROWN, of Memphis, Shelby county, and State of Tennessee, within said District, who has been adjudged a bankrupt, upon his own petition, by the District Court of said District.

aug21 O. WOOLDRIDGE, Assignee.

NOTICE.

District of West Tennessee, } ss.
In Bankruptcy.

At Memphis, Tenn., 23d day of August, 1869.

THE undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of JAMES C. MOORE, individually and as one of the firm of James C. Moores & Co., of Memphis, Shelby county and State of Tennessee, within said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition, by the District Court of said district.

aug21 O. WOOLDRIDGE, Assignee.

NOTICE.

District of West Tennessee, } ss.
In Bankruptcy.

At Memphis, Tennessee, 21st day of August, 1869.

THE undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of P. T. FORSYTHE, individually and as one of the firm of Forsythe & Fielder, of county, and State of Tennessee, within said District, who has been adjudged a bankrupt, upon his own petition, by the District Court of said District.

aug21 O. WOOLDRIDGE, Assignee.

NOTICE.

District of West Tennessee, } ss.
In Bankruptcy.

At Memphis, Tenn., 21st day of August, 1869.

THE undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of BENJAMIN T. HARRELL, of Harrold's Landing, Shelby county, and State of Tennessee, within said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district.

aug21 O. WOOLDRIDGE, Assignee.

NOTICE.

District of West Tennessee, } ss.
In Bankruptcy.

At Memphis, Tenn., 21st day of August, 1869.

THE undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of WILLIE HIGGS, near Norfolk, Virginia, but late of Memphis, Shelby county, and State of Tennessee, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition, by the District Court of said district.

aug21 O. WOOLDRIDGE, Assignee.

OFFICIAL.

Public Schools.

OFFICE SUP'T BOARD OF EDUCATION, August 11, 1869.

THE City Schools, both white and colored, will open on the first Monday (6th) of September next. I will attend at my office, No. 48 North Court street, in Odd Fellows' Hall, on and after Tuesday, the 31st inst. until the schools open, to issue Tickets of Admission to the white schools. The hours of attendance at said office will be from 9 o'clock a.m. to 1 o'clock p. m., and from 3 o'clock p.m. to 5 o'clock p.m.

Non-residents of the city can send their children to the City Schools on payment of moderate tuition fees at the time of admission.

J. P. LEATH, Sup't.

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NOTICES.

OFFICE OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY INS. CO.,
MEMPHIS, TENN., July 5, 1869.

AT a meeting of the Directors of this Company, held this day, a cash dividend of five per cent. (5) free of Government tax, from the earnings of the last three months, was declared, payable on the 10th instant.

JOHN B. STEBBINS, Secretary.

MAPS.

MAPS OF SHELBY COUNTY.

A NEW MAP of Shelby county, showing all the roads, streams, towns or land, with names of owners, and civil districts, for sale at the principal bookstores in the city, or by either of the undersigned.

J. H. HUMPHREYS.
SEARS & SMITH.

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New Advertisements.

SCHOOLS.

W. H. BOWERS'

Mathematical and Classical School,

Cor. Hernando and Fontaine Streets,

WILL open on Wednesday, September 1st, this city previous to the war, he trusts will be a sufficient guarantee for the future.

For Circulars, apply at book-stores, or at 168 Monroe street. aug24

SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL,

Corner of Poplar and Alabama.

MRS. MARY E. POPE, Principal, will open for boarding and day scholars the 23d Monday in September. No boys over ten will be received. No pupils taken by the month. aug18

INSURANCE.

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

OF NEW YORK.

Cash Assets, July 1st, 1869, over

$2,000,000.

☞ Reasons for Insuring in this Company: ☜

IN addition to the security offered by all Life Insurance Companies, the policies of the GLOBE ARE INDORSED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK, which makes the policy equal to a NATIONAL BANK NOTE, or UNITED STATES BOND.

Its policies are all non-forfeiting the President of this Company being the author of the non-forfeiting system.

Its policies are the most liberal issued by any company in the United States. Death by DUELLING, SUICIDE or WAR does not vitiate the policy, as is the case in most other companies. In such cases the full amount of premiums paid are returned to the beneficiary.

Parties can travel and reside in any part of the United States and Europe, at all seasons of the year.

Annual dividends on the Contribution Plan.

Statement of the Condition of the Globe Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, on the 1st day of July, 1869.

Made to the Controller of the State of Tennessee, in compliance with the laws of that State relating to Agents of Insurance Companies of other States doing business in that State:

The name of the Company is the Globe Mutual Life Insurance Company, and is located in the city of New York.

The amount of the Capital Stock is paid up, and is $100,000 00

ASSETS:

Cash on hand and deposited in bank	99,752 45
BONDS OWNED BY THE COMPANY.	
Par value. Market value.	
$25,000 00 U. S. 6s, 1881, $26,937 50	
62,500 00 U. S. 6s, 1867, 67,136 00	
60,000 00 U. S. 5-20s, 62,550 00	
96,500 00 Brooklyn city bds 99,470 00	
15,000 00 N. Y. county stock 16,000 00	
5,000 00 Astoria bonds 5,000 00	
20,000 00 Virginia 6s bonds 14,537 70	
$304,500 39 $727,188 74—727,188 00	
Loans on Bond and Mortgage being first lien on unincumbered Real Estate worth double the amount loaned	260,850 00
Debt otherwise secured Loans on Stock Bonds	52,900 00
Debt for Premiums, Agents accounts ..... $ 48,697 79	
Deferred Premiums, ... 215,361 60—	311,059 19
All other securities	37,749 17
	$1,841,907 55

LIABILITIES:

Amount of Dividends to Policy Holders	$106,815 79
Losses adjusted and due	none
Losses adjusted and not due, and unadjusted and in suspense waiting further proof	49,714 29
All other claims against the Company estimated	50,000 00
Total liabilities exclusive of Capital Stock and reinsurance fund	$179,530 08
Greatest amount insured on any one risk	20,000 00

STATE OF NEW YORK, } ss.
COUNTY OF NEW YORK, }

Pliny Freeman, President, and Henry C. Freeman, Secretary, of the aforesaid Company, being duly and severally sworn according to law, depose and say that the foregoing is a full, true and corre

DAILY AVALANCHE.

TUESDAY ..... AUGUST 24, 1869

OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE CITY AND BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

News in Brief.

The mortality of the city is increasing.

The bells attract more people to church than the bells.

Mr. Tomeny is going on a tour to San Francisco this week.

Velocipedes have entirely disappeared from our streets.

The thermometer showed a downward tendency yesterday.

A hen is the most voracious of animals. She fills her stomach by the peck.

The Nicolson pavement, corner of Main and Monroe, is being repaired slowly.

Open air preaching is being talked of in Memphis. Let us have a little open weather first.

A number of pious people are suggesting the propriety of praying for rain in the churches.

Father Walsh, of St. Patrick's church, is about to commence the erection of a church in Pinch.

Three saloon-keepers were fined thirty dollars yesterday for keeping saloons open on Sunday.

The street car drivers have a hot job of it these days. The iron which surrounds their standing-place makes it like an oven.

A pleasant breeze from the north swept along our streets yesterday afternoon. It was a relief to the sweltering pedestrians.

Seven persons were fined by the Commissioner yesterday morning for being connected in some way with houses of ill-fame.

Bishop Feehan will be in the city toward the end of the week, to bless the new church which was recently completed by the Catholics.

There are at present seventy-seven prisoners in the county jail. There are twenty-one of these going to the State penitentiary at Nashville.

One hundred dollars in fines were levied upon the twenty-five bad people who were before the Commissioner at the Adams street station yesterday morning.

The average age of twenty-five culprits before his honor, the Police Commissioner, yesterday morning at the Adams street station-house, was twenty-five years.

It is said that some of the face powder used by the young ladies contains poisonous ingredients, and a number of girls had their faces prematurely injured by its use.

Captain M. W. Cluskey, formerly connected with the AVALANCHE, has had an operation performed on him with success in McMinnville, and is now getting on very well.

The police threaten to expose the sweet-scented individual who hooked a veil from a *nymph du pave* on the day of the picnic. Unless he returns it his name will figure in a conspicuous place on the docket.

When you take off your coat and leave it lying round loose this hot weather, be sure there is nothing of value in the pockets. Light-fingered gentry are plentiful, and several small sums of money and watches have been lost.

The superintendent of the police has issued an order for the removal beyond the city limits of the gang of gypsies that have been encamped in the vicinity of Vance street. The gallinaceous products of the neighborhood suffered a material diminution since they settled there. It is said they are given to fowling.

The eagle, Pat Cleburne, had a leg broke in the park yesterday. He was tied to a tree by a seagrass rope ten yards long. The noble bird chafed under this imprisonment. He pined to soar again amid the rolling clouds, and away above the tall tree tops of "Arkansaw," so he made an unusually bold dart, with the view of breaking the cord that bound him, but instead of snapping it he snapped his leg in two.

CLOTHING AT AUCTION—This (Tuesday morning, at ten o'clock, by GOTTLIEB & EZEKIEL, Corner Second and Adams streets.

"The American Needle Gin" and "the Diamond Grinding and Hulling Mill," can be seen at work on Wednesday, the 25th instant, at the Overton Mills, South street, at 12 o'clock m.

EDWARD M. EVERITT & CO., Sole Agents, 13 Union street, Memphis.

A POETIC STREET-CAR MAN.—One of the Main street-car drivers indulges a taste for the muses. Pasted up on the money box of his car we found the lines:

"What strange creatures are men;
By a sentiment down to deprave
But must be held fast by a tear.

"But the dear, loving creatures by whom
they are sought,
Do not know when this, or when that
should appear."

PERSONAL.—Our friend R. H. Vance, of the popular clothing house of Johnson & Vance, left yesterday evening for flying trip to New York. We wish him a good time.

H. P. Johnson, editor of the Lexington (Mississippi) *Advertiser*, is in town on a business tour connected with his paper, which has an extensive circulation in the counties of Holmes, Carroll, Sunflower, Madison, Yazoo and Attalia. We bespeak for him a favorable reception by our merchants.

The Hon. W. F. Avery has been invited to deliver the annual address at the Augusta, Arkansas, Agricultural Fair in October next. The invitation is accepted.

A NUCLEUS FOR A TOWN.—A new postoffice has been established at Springville, Henry county, Tennessee, on the Memphis and Louisville railroad, eleven miles east of Paris—a new depot intended for the benefit of Swayne's great Artesian White Sulphur Well and Mineral Springs, three miles north of the road. We understand this town, just laid off, and beautifully located on the road, and in a thickly settled section, is likely to become quite a business point, as well as being the station for the Springs. The latter, for some time, have been and are in course of preparation for visitors, and are indeed wonderful for their volume, variety of water and medicinal virtues. It is to be hoped that Springville will *spring* up rapidly; and that its population, like its waters, may rise up a source of moral health to the surrounding country.

FEARFUL RUMOR.—The rumor is gaining strength that Moody is not dead. It will be remembered that the men were cut down before they had swung fifteen minutes, and were immediately taken outside the prison gates and delivered to their relatives. The story told in reference to Moody is, that he was taken to a house of some relative, and an old negro woman, skilled in the preparation of various sorts of simples, by the efficacy of which she has achieved a wide reputation in the healing art, took him in charge and resuscitated him before nightfall. Some trusty friends then took charge of him, brought him out to the country, and finally into Tipton county, where he is now living, sound as a new bell. This story may be true. It is on record that a person named Tom Hill was hung at the Tyburn tree, near London in 1785, and after remaining in chains for nine hours, was taken away in the night by a party of his confreres—smugglers—and lived for twelve years afterward on the coast of Britainy in France. It is also matter of historic fact that Jerry Shields, an Irish rapparee of 1779, was hung in Dundalk, Ireland, until "dead, dead, dead," according to the phraseology of the warrant. He was taken charge of by his friends, and brought to life in a few hours after he was taken down. In four days he was on his way to Maryland, in which State he lived for twenty-five years.

Although the rumor in reference to Moody may not be true, still the precedents which we have refered to, show that there is nothing impossible in the contingency. There is one thing almost certain; that he will not do much damage any more.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Proceedings of the Meeting Yesterday.

Election of New Members—Flatboat Trading.

Encouragement of Immigration to Memphis.

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon, in the hall of the Chamber, and was well attended. Colonel W. H. Cherry occupied the Chair, and Captain W. L. Trass was in his place as Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and approved of.

THE GRAND MARINE EXHIBITION.

The Secretary intimated that he had been called on several times during the past week by Dr. Plough, of New Orleans, in relation to the proposed grand marine exhibition at Memphis, and he had embodied the views of Dr. Plough in a short communication, which he would read to the members of the Chamber, as follows:

DR. A. L. Plough recently arrived in this city for the express purpose of proposing to our citizens the establishment of a Grand Marine Exposition of the Southwest, the object being to draw a large number of the steamers of the West in front of our city, at some convenient time after the close of the next business season—steamers from the Upper Mississippi and the Missouri, the Ohio and Arkansas, the Red, White, Black, Ouachita, Yazoo, and every tributary of the great river flowing past our city, each bearing samples of the mechanical, agricultural and mineral productions of the region from whence she comes.

The Doctor has letters of introduction from the Chamber of Commerce, mayor, public bodies and many prominent citizens of New Orleans, and he has every confidence in the practicability and success of the scheme, which, he claims, will result in incalculable advantage to this city. The subject is introduced for the purpose of calling public attention to the matter and to have a committee appointed to confer with the Doctor, to have the project explained and developed.

No action was taken on the communication.

NEW MEMBERS.

The Secretary presented the following names as applicants for membership: Messrs. Foster, Kiehoffer & Co.; German National Bank; Ashbrook & Dalton; Charles Nourse, Insurance Agent; and the Mount Carbon Coal company.

The rules were suspended, and on motion, the above were admitted as members of the Chamber.

DROPPED.

On motion, Messrs. Comer & Richardson were dropped from the roll of members of the Chamber for non-payment of dues.

THE KEOKUK COMMERCIAL CONVENTION.

The Secretary said he had been requested to draw the attention of the members of the Chamber to the effect that a Commercial Convention is to be held at Keokuk, Iowa, on the 7th of September, and a general invitation had been tendered to all city corporations and Chambers of Commerce to send delegates to the convention. No special invitation had been sent to the Chamber of Commerce of this city, but the invitation had been publicly tendered through the newspapers, and he observed that a large delegation had been appointed from New Orleans and St. Louis and other cities, and it would be well for the Chamber of Commerce of Memphis to follow the example of those cities, as it was understood that some efforts would be made to reverse the action of the Commercial Convention lately held in Memphis relative to the Southern Pacific railroad. This might have a bearing on the coming convention at Louisville, and therefore it was necessary that Memphis should be represented in the Keokuk Convention.

Mr. Schoolfield moved that the President be authorized to appoint the necessary delegates to the Keokuk Commercial Convention. Carried.

FLATBOAT TRADING.

Mr. G. M. Anderson said he wished to submit to the Chamber a draft of a petition to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen relative to trading on flatboats at the landing, which had been largely signed by the leading merchants of the city, and he wished for the indorsement of the petition by the Chamber. It was as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Memphis:

Your petitioners most respectfully request that an ordinance be passed by your honorable body, restricting or prohibiting the sale, by the owner, of produce brought to our landing on flatboats, instead of the same passing through the hands of commission merchants as in other cities. We would most respectfully represent that we pay high rents for our respective places of business, and are required to pay all taxes—city, county, State and Government—on all sales, as well as license for doing business, while parties are permitted to come to our landing, and for a mere pittance daily for wharfage, can remain at the landing for an indefinite time, and retail out of their boats to the injury of the wholesale merchants, who contribute to the permanent prosperity of the city. We therefore ask that an ordinance be passed for our relief in such form as you may deem proper. And your petitioners, etc.

Mr. Anderson said the petition was a highly necessary one for the protection of wholesale merchants, who paid heavy and exorbitant licenses, as a barrel of flour or a hundred pounds of beef or other articles were sold at retail upon these boats, upon which not a cent of license was paid. All they did pay was wharfage—$5 on the arrival of each boat, and $1 each day they remained at the landing. If they paid any other charges, it was only by accident.

Mr. F. M. Mahan moved that the Chamber give the petition its indorsement, and that a committee of three be appointed to present it to the Board of Aldermen, and urge the passage of the ordinance asked for. Carried.

The Chair appointed as such committee Messrs. Anderson, Mahan and Jones.

Dr. R. S. Jones said that it was well known that the *attaches* of steamboats were engaged in bringing merchandise to this city for sale, and selling the same without license, and as he wished to bring this matter, and also that of the flatboatmen, before the Board of Aldermen, he would move the following resolution:

Resolved, That is a matter of injustice to the merchants of this city, who pay a license for the privilege of doing business, that flatboatmen and steamboat *attaches* are permitted to do business by wholesale or retail, at the city's landing, thereby depriving the licensed business men of the city of the privilege of doing that for which they pay a privilege tax.

THE SALE OF LOOSE COTTON.

Mr. Hatchett moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the city authorities be requested to pass an ordinance forbidding the sale or purchase of loose cotton, by any other than regularly licensed commission merchants.

Mr. Hatchett remarked that during the season large quantities of loose cotton were sold in the city by draymen and others, which had been abstracted from bales, and he was in favor of an ordinance to put a stop to the practice, which was at the same time a great loss to both factor and planters. Often ten pounds of cotton were stolen from a single bale, and it was time to take steps to put a stop to the nefarious practice.

Dr. P. S. Jones spoke in favor of the resolution, and contended that such an ordinance as the one proposed was required for the protection of all concerned in the buying and selling of cotton. He moved that the Secretary be instructed to send copies of the resolutions just passed, to the Board of Aldermen for presentation at the next regular meeting of the Board.

IMMIGRATION TO THE SOUTH.

Mr. T. A. Nelson submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, The city of Memphis, Tennessee, and all that country tributary to her prosperity, and prosperity have set out with the bold and infallible purpose of acquiring that population and capital requisite to the readiest and largest development of the agricultural and all other industrial interests; and as the chief difficulty encountered in the accomplishment of this object has been found to exist in the false impressions made upon the public mind of the North and Northwestern States, greatly to our detriment, by designing men whose interests were to be subserved and attained *only* by the promulgation and propagation of the most unfounded and unjust misrepresentations, disseminated beyond our midst and among the very people whom we most earnestly desire to cultivate; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Memphis and of the whole planting community, whose market is found at our doors, that *it is not a man's entirely* neither his *political* or *religious* creed that makes the *objectionable* man, but rather by his character and acts, and by these and these only will he be commended or condemned; and we do hereby extend to all men who are ready in good faith and honesty of purpose to identify themselves with us in the peaceful occupancy, the neighborly enjoyment and the largest development of the wonderful resources of these Southern States, our aid and protection.

Resolved, further, That a committee of five members of this Chamber be appointed by the President thereof to prepare an address to our friends of the North and Northwest, setting forth the true facts with reference to the state of society; the views of our people, and their determination to acquire population and capital; the abundance and cheapness of lands; the kinds and value of our products; the advantages to manufacturers, mechanics, laborers, and all other producers of industry; and that the expense of publishing a suitable number of said address be paid by the Chamber.

Mr. Nelson, in submitting the resolutions, said his object in doing so was from the fact that Mr. W. B. Donoho, of this city, had just returned from an extensive tour through the North, where he had met many persons who had expressed an anxious wish to settle in the vicinity of Memphis, but they seemed to be afraid that they would not be safe in this part of the country. Under such circumstances he thought that they ought to give the people of the North every assurance that they would be perfectly safe here, and that they would receive a hearty welcome. He was in favor of getting up an address embracing statistics in regard to the material wealth, resources and productions of this county, published in pamphlet form, and distributed extensively throughout the country. He thought it would be money well spent. Mr. Donoho would return to the North in a short time, and would be glad to take a large number of the pamphlets with him to the Northern and Western States for general distribution. He (Mr. Nelson) felt certain that if this were done promptly, it would redound greatly to the interest and benefit of Memphis. He observed Mr. Donoho present at the meeting, and he had no doubt they would all be pleased to listen to a few remarks from that gentleman on this important subject.

Mr. W. B. Donoho said he had made a recent tour through Indiana and Illinois, but more especially through Illinois. He had distributed several thousand of pamphlets on the advantages of emigrating to the Southern country, and more especially in regard to the country surrounding the city of Memphis, published by the firm in this city of which he was a member. He had found the people everywhere very eager for information in regard to the South, and more especially Memphis. He had traveled from Lewiston, Illinois, through the several cities and towns to Chicago, and then back again in zig-zag fashion, as he might call it, to Cairo. He had talked to the people, made speeches to them, and distributed his pamphlets, and he could hardly explain how very eager the people were to procure the pamphlets and receive information. He wished he had time and the meeting would allow him the necessary time to describe some of the scenes he had witnessed. The people wanted to know the truth about this section of the country, and he had given them the true facts. He told them that the South had been misrepresented by correspondents who had told anything but the truth. He explained to them the resources of the country, and the large crops that could be raised in this section, and that they would be in no danger from any one, and would have no fear for their personal safety. From what he had learned on his trip many were coming here, and it would be for the citizens of Memphis to say whether they would take the necessary steps to have them settle in the country around Memphis. They might expect mechanics, stock-raisers, agriculturalists, and those who were acquainted with manufactories. They would bring with them their plows and farming implements and seeds to improve the country all around them. He thought that at least ten thousand of the pamphlets referred to should be printed for general distribution, and although it was a large estimate, he might say, if the necessary steps were taken, that within the next six or nine months there would be an increase of 100,000 to our population in and around Memphis. They were really surprised when he informed them that land, which would yield abundant crops of cotton, corn and other products, could be purchased from five to ten dollars per acre. Some of them are already here, and they could soon bring many others, and the money that might be expended would be returned a thousand fold before nine months elapsed. He only wished he had the necessary time to describe the scenes in the North when the people were inquiring of him regarding the resources of the Southern country.

The Chairman suggested that Mr. Donoho should call on some of the principal merchants and lay the subject before them, and a meeting could then be called of the citizens at which Mr. Donoho could fully address them on the subject.

Mr. Donoho accepted the suggestion, and said he would act upon it without delay.

The resolutions were then unanimously adopted, and the chair appointed as the committee to prepare an address, Messrs. W. B. Donoho, T. A. Nelson, Louis Hananer, John S. Toof and L. M. Wolcott.

THE OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

The Chairman intimated that the next order of business would be the appointment of a committee to select the officers of the Chamber for the ensuing year.

Mr. T. A. Nelson moved that a committee of five be appointed to select suitable officers, to be submitted to the Chamber for election, on the fourth Monday in September. Carried. And the Chair appointed as such committee, Messrs F. M. Mahan, John Johnson, A. L. Harris, A. Hatchett, and J. W. Dickinson.

The President said he wished to inform the committee and the members of the Chamber of Commerce that, owing to the great demand on his time by his private business, that he would not be able to accept any office in the gift of the Chamber. He would, however, be ready at all times, to co-operate with them in any movement having for its object the prosperity of the Chamber or the interest of the city of Memphis.

Mr. Dickinson was sorry to hear the resolve of their President, as he would certainly have, as a member of the committee, nominated him for re-election.

The President said that he certainly could not give the necessary time from his private business to attend to the duties of the position.

The meeting then adjourned.

WANTED—By a gentleman and lady, a small cottage house with two rooms and a kitchen, within ten or fifteen minutes walk of Court Square. Address "R. R. H.," AVALANCHE office.

GENTLEMEN, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE. Just received, another large lot of British half hose, at $4 50 per dozen; gents' linen handkerchiefs, $4 50 per dozen; puff bosom shirts, $2; gauze undershirts, $1 25.

M. KRAUS & CO.
tf Corner Main and Adams sts.

NEGRO RIOT AT MACON.

The Colored People Parading the Streets with Guns and Pistols.

One Negro Killed and Several Others Wounded.

Information reached the city yesterday that a negro riot is in progress at Macon village, near Somerville, which it is feared, will be attended with very serious consequences. It appears that on Saturday afternoon, while two little boys, one of whom is named Boswell, were playing on the streets, a negro came up to the place and used some very insulting language toward the boys, which they resented, and the negro repeated the offensive expressions. At this time the brother of young Boswell came up to the spot, accompanied by a young man named Johnson, and as the negro continued his insulting language to the three at once, a fight took place, in which Boswell pretty severely, when the negroes residing in Macon and the neighborhood became greatly incensed, and on Sunday [illegible] which was followed by an indignation meeting, in which Boswell and his friend were pretty freely denounced for whipping the negro. It was therefore, resolved to safely out in search of them, for the purpose of punishing them, and they found the two young men, Boswell and his friend, sitting in rear of a grocery, in company with a number of others, eating watermelons. The negroes made a sudden attack on the young men, who made a prompt resistance, and guns and pistols were freely used. The negro who had been thrashed on the previous day, and who was acting as a kind of ring-leader of the gang, was shot and killed in the affray, and one or two others slightly wounded.

The young men promptly made their escape, as the negroes were coming into the town from every direction, armed with guns, pistols and knives, vowing vengeance on Boswell and his friend, and declaring they would "shoot them down in their tracks" if they found them. When they discovered, however, that both had succeeded in making good their escape they threatened to burn down and sack the town. The citizens remonstrated with them, and pleaded with them not to carry their threats into execution, and offering every assistance in carrying out the law. Yesterday about two hundred negroes paraded the streets of Macon armed with guns and pistols, and threatening the direst vengeance on Boswell and Johnson if they caught them. When our informant left yesterday morning, Colonel Hespen, Sheriff of the county, was organizing a posse to oppose the negroes if they attempted to proceed to any act of violence and to quell the mob.

A number of young men, who had arrived from the country to take part in the tournament, which comes off this week at Macon, are apprehensive of a difficulty with the negroes if they went to the tournament grounds to practice at "tilting at the ring."

Further information regarding the riot will be awaited for with the greatest anxiety.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Later in the day, Superintendent Pearne, of the Metropolitan Police, received intelligence that a very serious riot going on at Macon, and a posse of twenty-five policemen were put on a special train and sent out on the Charleston road, but they proceeded only as far as Fayetteville, when they received word that quiet was restored and there was no use in going further. They returned about dark.

Captain Meigs, of the Little Rock Railroad, who arrived in the city by a late train, says that Sheriff Hesen made up a *posse* at Somerville and was proceeding to Macon, when they were fired into by negroes and five of them wounded. The latest accounts that have reached the city in reference to the origin of the riot, says that a couple of boys, one white and the other black, had a dispute about something, when the colored chap slapped Tom Tarpley on the face. Mr. Johnson, who was looking on, interfered and gave the colored youth a sound whipping. The brother of the young man then came along, and threatened the life of Mr. Johnson. This was on Saturday evening. The colored folks armed themselves, and the friends of Mr. Johnson did the same. Hence arose the fight.

A HEROINE.

How a Young Lady Saved Herself and Killed her Assailant.

About ten days ago was performed, at an obscure house on Island No. 40, a short distance above Memphis, one of those deeds of heroism which raises a mortal to the skies. The two principal actors in the tragedy were a young girl and a muscular colored man. The girl's name is Sally Shaw. She was raised in Memphis by humble parents, and was compelled to make a living by her own labor. Not long since she accepted a situation in the family of Mr. Bateman, living on the above-named island. She was well provided there, and occupied a room adjoining Mr. Bateman and his wife. A young daughter of the family occupied the same bed with Miss Shaw, and they got along nicely. About a month ago Mr. Bateman hired a lively, muscular colored man here in this city to go on the place and do work for him around his house. The negro appears to have become infatuated with Miss Shaw, for though poor she has charms, a very unusual thing with heroic girls. He commenced jeering at her whenever he could get a chance, but he did it in so abrupt, vulgar and uncourteous a manner that she became disgusted with him and could not bear his presence. He mistook this timidity on the part of Miss Shaw for meekness. This idea helped to nurse his diabolical feelings, and emboldened him to make certain advances to her, which seriously alarmed the young lady. She did not, however, wish to make the family, nor in any way injure the worldly affairs of the colored chap; but she resolved quietly to put a stop to his nonsense. She borrowed Mr. Bateman's pistol, under the pretense of learning to shoot. By this means she effectually quenched the unholy flame which glowed in the dusky bosom of her African admirer. When he was, as she thought, completely subdued and properly terrified, she returned the pistol. The sequel shows she was mistaken in her estimate of the colored boy. She awoke one night after this in great trepidation, convinced there was some one near her bedside. She made no stir lest the little girl by her side should bedisturbed; but after considering awhile and not being able to dispel her unaccustomed fear, she resolved to prepare herself for the worst. She made such motions as sufficed to awaken her little bed-fellow, without creating any alarm, and then told her she was thirsty and would go into the next room for a drink. She went in and gently slipped Mr. Bateman's pistol from under his pillow without disturbing him. She returned to her bed, resolving to feign sleep, but determined to remain awake. In a few moments her regular, gentle breathing gave every indication of sound slumber. Then there was a movement. She became almost petrified with fear as one who treads alone in a thick jungle when he hears the rustling of a tiger amid the bushes. Something bounded on to her bed with the softness and agility of a large cat; her two legs were laid hold on, but she managed to throw herself up in the bed, and grasping the pistol, she rushed to the window with a bound. The fiend did not relax, and she hurriedly cocked and fired again. The object tumbled on the floor, and crawling to the open window, jumped to the ground, a distance of twelve feet. In a short time the house was alarmed. The family was all up, search was made, and the burly nigger was found lying under the girls' window with a broken leg—sustained in the fall—a shot in the head, which did not, however, penetrate the skull, and one in the abdomen. He died before day-light. The blood from his veins was beastliest all over the bed-clothes, and pools of it lay on the floor. That did this hapless little damsel was her honor and rid the earth of an unmitigated, lecherous brute in human shape.

Mississippi Valley Insurance Company of the South and West.

Below we give an extract from the proceedings of the Board of Underwriters of New Orleans, as also, extract from the proceedings of the Chamber of Commerce of that city, endorsing Captain DeHaven's plans for steamboats. The advertisement of the agent of the company, Mr. A. D. Withespoon, will be found in another column:

OFFICE BOARD OF N. O. UNDERWRITERS,
NEW ORLEANS, December 2, 1867.

Extract from minutes of meeting of New Orleans Board of Underwriters, held this day, viz:

The following report of a special committee was received and adopted:

NEW ORLEANS, December 2, 1867.

To the President and Members of the New Orleans Board of Underwriters:

GENTLEMEN: We, the committee appointed to investigate the plans of Captain David DeHaven, for the construction of steamboats suitable to the navigation of the Mississippi river, and its tributaries, would beg leave to report:

That after carefully looking into the plans of adopting low-pressure machinery, introducing compartments, the manner of their construction, with the great additional strength given to the hull by their introduction, and the introduction of steam into the name; the manner of fastening, arching clamp streaks; introducing plan of protection to rudder, with a complete afterseatic; the handling of freight by the same machinery necessary to the vessel; the new and complete round cabins, elegantly adapted to the European plan of restaurant living, with the lixed boning and water arrangements, would seem to make all complete. The result of our investigation of all the plans for the improvement in steamboat building by Captain D. DeHaven causes us to favorably recommend them.

(Signed) ALF. MOULTON,
WM. WHANN,
JOHN PEMBERTON.

A true copy:
H. P. JANVIER, Secretary.

NEW ORLEANS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
NEW ORLEANS, November 13, 1867.

DEAR SIR: At a meeting of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce held last evening, the following named gentlemen were appointed a committee, to whom was referred your communication of yesterday, viz: Messrs. Geo. A. Fosdick, W. S. Pike and Julius Valcrier. The chairman of the committee, Mr. Geo. A. Fosdick, will convene the committee at such time and place they may be agreed upon. You will therefore wait upon Mr. Fosdick to make the necessary arrangements to that end.

Your obedient servant,
ALF. MOULTON,
President Chamber of Commerce.

To Captain D. DeHaven.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chamber of Commerce.

NEW ORLEANS, November 15, 1867.

The undersigned committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, to meet Captain DeHaven, have performed the duty assigned them, and beg leave respectfully to report:

That after a careful examination of the plans submitted to our inspection, and an extended explanation of the improvements as suggested by Capt. DeHaven, are of opinion that a most valuable saving of lives, economy in expenses and safety to lives and property, will be accomplished by the adoption generally of his suggestions, by boats running the Mississippi river, and would recommend to the Chamber their indorsement of his project.

(Signed) G. A. FOSDICK,
Chairman.

Adopted unanimously.

A FEARFUL CONFESSION.

Woods, the Murderer, Tells the History of his Crimes.

Henry Wood, colored, who was sentenced to be hanged, on Saturday last, for the murder of David Tucker, is a great burly negro of about twenty-five, with a head as large as a bushel pot, and two rows of teeth that would do good service if they were in the jaws of a shark. Since he has been shut back to prison, with the prospect of having to pass very soon through the "valley of the shadow," he has made a confession. He told the manner in which he perpetrated one of his crimes, and it was in this wise: Woods was brought up at Tuscumbia, Alabama, where he lived until he was over twenty. He tells that when eighteen he conceived a design in his deep, dark, unholy bosom of ravishing a young lady who was on a visit to his master's and whose lover was in the army. She was very beautiful, he says, and about sixteen. For a whole month he was maturing schemes how best to accomplish his designs, and he could hit on no better way of doing it than by going into her room while she slept, and by suppressing her power of speech and terrifying her accomplish his purpose in the dark. With these ideas in his head, he crept up to her chamber window and effected an entrance without making any disturbance. Everything promised well, and he was congratulating himself upon having laid his plan well, and all that was necessary was to execute fearlessly and with promptitude. As he was about to pounce on the bed, like a hungry tiger on its prey, a thought struck him. In the event of the young lady having the matter investigated, would it not be as likely as not that she would pitch on him as soon as upon any of the other negroes? Of course it would be as likely. He must guard against that contingency. He left the bed-room again with the utmost caution and deliberation, and, going out to the tree hundred yards through a cornfield to the colored folks' quarters, he went into the hut of one Ben Jackson, a fellow servant, and stole Ben's peculiar white hat. He immediately retraced his steps, with the hat on his head, ascended into the room by means of a rail, and accomplished his purpose according to his previous design.

In departing from the room he *left Ben's hat behind him*. It so happened that Ben had it in his head to steal some chickens that morning early, and when he was roaming through Tuscaloosa. After disposing of the chickens, he was taken by a squad of men from the vicinity of where the outrage was perpetrated and lodged in jail, wherein he was taken next day and hung, owing to his hat being found in the lady's chamber. In the meantime Woods was engaged, with a number of other negroes, in denouncing the black-hearted corruption and villany of the innocent Ben. This, he says, is only one specimen of his doings, although he is only twenty-five or six years old.

The Courts.

CRIMINAL COURT.—*H. E. Hudson, Judge.*—This Court went into session yesterday morning at the usual hour, and held until ten o'clock a.m. During the session the case of the State vs. Louisa Stokes, colored, indicted for grand larceny, was tried and resulted in a verdict of guilty. The jury fixed the punishment at three years in the penitentiary.

Owing to the severe indisposition of both His Honor, the Judge, and Attorney General Horrigan, Court did not hold during the afternoon, and no other business was considered.

To-day the regular calendar will be resumed and most of the cases thereon brought up and disposed of.

It is very likely that this Court will adjourn to court in course on Wednesday.

THE KEOKUK COMMERCIAL CONVENTION.—Acting Mayor Swayne having received no official communication relative to the holding of the Commercial Convention at Keokuk, Iowa, on the 7th of September, has not appointed any delegates. He requests us to say, however, that he will be happy to give the necessary credentials to any gentlemen who may wish to attend the convention on behalf of this city. The names can be left at the Mayor's office, City Hall.

DRY GOODS AT AUCTION.—This (Tuesday) morning, at ten o'clock, by GOTTLIEB & EZEKIEL, Corner Second and Adams streets.

LADIES, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE.—Just received, a large lot of hoop skirts, 50c each; another lot of corsets, $1; besides, we offer our entire stock at great bargains, to make room for fall trade. M. KRAUS & CO.,
tf Corner Main and Adams sts.

THE POSTOFFICE AFFAIR.

Commissioner Morrison Hears All the Evidence and Discharges the Prisoner.

The man Dowling, clerk in the postoffice, accused of purloining letters from the United States mail, was before United States Commissioner Morrison yesterday, and the evidence in the case thoroughly gone into.

The first witness examined was Robert C. Gist, an assistance agent at present, but formerly postmaster. Knows the defendant; took him when he was a boy, and had him under his charge for four years; never found anything in him that would warrant a suspicion of his honesty; took him when he was sixteen, at the recommendation of a military gentleman named Webster. The accused is now about twenty; knew him to be fond of amusement in the evening, but could not say that he ever observed anything vicious in his disposition; he commenced to work at about thirty dollars per month; kept advancing him five dollars per quarter until now it is about seventy dollars; could not say that he ever spent any money improperly; his mother was in the habit of drawing his wages.

Mr. Bennet, chief distributing clerk in the postoffice, testified that he went to dinner on Friday, the day of the alleged attempt at robbery, and left three other clerks behind him, among them Dowling, who asked him if he could not get away after certain mails were closed, which would be about four o'clock. It was agreed that he should have such permission.

Describe how small packages of letters are folded up for the mails. The letters for each office, no matter how few, are folded up in separate packages and directed to the town they are going to. It was unusual for young men engaged in the office to have letters of theirs lying round the office. Had found once in a while young men's letters lying round, and had given them to understand that they ought not to have them scattered among other mail matter. Dowling had charge of the case containing the Arkansas river mail; and the Little Rock railroad mail, and had nothing to do with any other. A letter, for instance, designed for Nashville could not be on that case unless they got stuck to each other by the mucilage on the letters. None of the letters in question, two of which were mailed in Little Rock and one in Memphis, would go to the case at which Dowling worked. The letters from Arkansas come to Memphis to be distributed. Both the letters from that State which were wrapped up by Dowling, might get together on the general case.

Policeman Walsh testified that he arrested the accused Dowling, on Friday. When he arrested him, Dowling offered to make an explanation as to how it happened, to Mr. Knowlton, but Mr. Knowlton refused to listen to any, saying that any man who did as he (Dowling) did was not worthy of being heard.

H. M. Morgan, formerly Adjutant General in the army, testified as to character, that the accused ran away from his mother and joined an Iowa regiment; had procured his release at the instance of his mother; knew him during the interval, and never heard anything derogatory to his character.

Mrs. Mother of Dowlin was examined as to the manner of distributing the mails; made some statements as to prejudice being at work in regard to politics. He, himself, was requested to resign.

To a question by Mr. Bullock as to whether in the course of business in the office the three letters in question could be found together, he answered that they might, but it would be an extraordinary occasion.

Dowling's brother made a voluntary statement to the effect that the boys were in the habit of marking little packages of letters that got into wrong places as "private" with their respective names.

Having heard the evidence, Commissioner Morrison said: "Taking Colonel Knowlton's evidence alone unexplained, which he published in a card in one of the daily papers, appears to militate against the accused." It is the law in such cases that when a person is found with stolen letters in his possession, unexplained, he is to be held to answer. Woods was brought up at Tuscumbia, Alabama, where he lived until he was over twenty. He tells that when eighteen he conceived a design in his deep, dark, unholy bosom of ravishing a young lady who was on a visit to his master's and whose lover was in the army. She was very beautiful, he says, and about sixteen. For a whole month he was maturing schemes how best to accomplish his designs, and he could hit on no better way of doing it than by going into her room while she slept, and by suppressing her power of speech and terrifying her accomplish his purpose in the dark. With these ideas in his head, he crept up to her chamber window and effected an entrance without making any disturbance. Everything promised well, and he was congratulating himself upon having laid his plan well, and all that was necessary was to execute fearlessly and with promptitude. As he was about to pounce on the bed, like a hungry tiger on its prey, a thought struck him. In the event of the young lady having the matter investigated, would it not be as likely as not that she would pitch on him as soon as upon any of the other negroes? Of course it would be as likely. He must guard against that contingency. He left the bed-room again with the utmost caution and deliberation, and, going out to the tree hundred yards through a cornfield to the colored folks' quarters, he went into the hut of one Ben Jackson, a fellow servant, and stole Ben's peculiar white hat. He immediately retraced his steps, with the hat on his head, ascended into the room by means of a rail, and accomplished his purpose according to his previous design.

In departing from the room he *left Ben's hat behind him*. It so happened that Ben had it in his head to steal some chickens that morning early, and when he was roaming through Tuscaloosa. After disposing of the chickens, he was taken by a squad of men from the vicinity of where the outrage was perpetrated and lodged in jail, wherein he was taken next day and hung, owing to his hat being found in the lady's chamber. In the meantime Woods was engaged, with a number of other negroes, in denouncing the black-hearted corruption and villany of the innocent Ben. This, he says, is only one specimen of his doings, although he is only twenty-five or six years old.

RIVER NEWS.

MEMPHIS AVALANCHE OFFICE,
August 24, 1869.

WEATHER—RIVER—BUSINESS.

The heat yesterday was oppressive toward evening; it clouded up, with strong indications of rain. The river continues to decline, with eight feet more on the bars between here and St. Louis. The Ohio is declining at Louisville, with three feet in the canal and four feet on the bars in the Lower Ohio. The river at Cincinnati on Saturday rose several inches, with five feet in the channel. The Arkansas is receding, with four feet in the channel from Little Rock out, and thirty inches above there. White river continues at low tide, with only three feet between DeVall's Bluff and Augusta.

ARRIVALS.

Steamer Belle Memphis, St. Louis.
" Lizzie Gill, St. Louis.
" Julia, Vicksburg.
" Gladiator, Arkansas.
" Bismarck, New Orleans.
" Legal Tender, White river.

DEPARTURES.

Steamer Bismarck, St. Louis.
" Julia, St. Louis.
" Leonidas, Pittsburg.
" Quick, W. Chess, Friar's Point.
" Quick, Arkansas river.
" Lizzie Gill, New Orleans.

IN PORT.

Belle Memphis, St. Francis and Legal Tender.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Business on the levee was quiet, with little movement in freights.

The Quick departed for Arkansas river with a good trip of freight and people.

The Lizzie Gill passed down in the evening for New Orleans deeply laden. Her officers report eight feet large on the bars between Cairo and this point.

The elegant passenger steamer Legal Tender, Captain John Elliott, will be found at the wharf this morning to receive for White river, and will leave to-day at five o'clock p.m. for all points on White river, connecting at DeVall's Bluff with the Little Rock Railroad. Messrs. Joe Elliott, Matt Oliver and John Chamberlain, a trio of gentlemanly clerks, have charge of the office.

The City of Alton is due from New Orleans.

The St. Francis Captain Bowman, is the Tuesday St. Francis river packet, leaving at five p.m. Messrs. Paine and Clark are her clerks.

The licenses of the engineers who had charge of the Cumberland at the time of her explosion have been revoked, for an indefinite time, by the local inspectors at Nashville.

The Continental passed down yesterday morning for New Orleans with a full cargo of merchandise.

The Bismarck and Leonidas passed up yesterday morning.

The Belle Memphis, Captain Crane, is the Tuesday St. Louis packet, leaving at five p.m. Billy Blenker presides in the office.

The Gladiator, in her new dress and improvements, presents a handsome appearance, and looks like a new boat. She will enter the Memphis and Pine Bluff trade on the 15th of September.

Captain Tom Barry, Captain Nat Crook and several other boatmen are in the city, making preparations for the fall season.

The Indiana is due to-morrow from Louisville, en route to New Orleans.

The Minnesota is due to-morrow from Cincinnati, and returns on Friday.

Steamboats.

FOR ARKANSAS RIVER.

Memphis and Arkansas River Packet Company

DAILY AVALANCHE.

Arrival and Departure of Trains.

MEMPHIS AND CHARLESTON RAILROAD.

	Arrive.	Depart.
Through Mail	12:40 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
Through Express	10:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.
Junction accommodation	9:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.

Connects at Junction accommodation train makes connections South with Mississippi Central.

TICKET OFFICE, No. 10 Main street.

MEMPHIS AND LOUISVILLE RAILROAD.

	Arrive.	Depart.
Day Express	12:40 p.m.	1 p.m.
Night Express	11:40 p.m.	12 m.

Sleeping car attached to Night Express train which goes through to Nashville, to Nashville and Northwestern Railroad, without change.

Railroad time fifteen minutes faster than city. Ticket office No. 307½ Main street, next to head of Main Street.

MISSISSIPPI AND TENNESSEE RAILROAD.

	Arrive.	Depart.
N. O. Mail (daily)	12:45 p.m.	11:40 a.m.
Express (daily)	3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Mail to connect direct connection for New Orleans	4 all points South.	8:30 a.m.
Express	in makes direct connection for Columbus, Starkville, Aberdeen, Water Valley, Oxford, Holly Springs and all points north of Grenada on Mississippi Central Railroad.	

Ticket office, Main street, East of the Depot. Omnibuses will call for passengers and check baggage in any part of the city, by leaving orders at 307½ Main street.

MEMPHIS AND LITTLE ROCK RAILROAD.

To Madison and Little Rock, Ark.

Going East—Leave Forest Cliff		7:30 a.m.
	Arrive at Hopefield	8:30 a.m.
Going West—Leave Hopefield		4:00 p.m.
	Arrive at Forest City	5:00 p.m.

Daily Sundays excepted.

H. D. WILLIAMS, Gen'l Agent and Sup't.

Arrival and Departure of Mails

DEPART—For Chattanooga, Richmond Washington, New York, Baltimore and all cities East and South; Grenada, Jackson and Montgomery, Ala., and Cincinnati via the Memphis and Charleston, Mississippi Central, Mobile and Ohio, Nashville and Decatur, Nashville and Chattanooga and East Tennessee Railroads at		1:30 a.m.
Arrive at		3:30 p.m.
DEPART—For Cairo, Chicago, St. Louis, Nashville, Louisville, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Albany, New York and all cities North and West, at		3:00 p.m.
Arrive at		12:40 p.m.
DEPART—For New Orleans, Bayou Rouge, Jackson, Vicksburg, Natchez, and all cities South, at		10:45 a.m.
Arrive at		3:00 p.m.
DEPART—For all stations on the Mississippi and Tennessee, New Orleans and Jackson and Southern Railroads, at		10:45 a.m.
Arrive at		3:00 p.m.
DEPART—For all stations on the Memphis and Louisville and branch roads at		5:00 p.m.
Arrive at		1:00 p.m.
DEPART—Memphis and Little Rock Railroad, Little Rock, Madison (Sundays excepted), at		2:30 p.m.
Arrive at		2:00 p.m.
DEPART—For Marion, Wittenburg and Claibourne, Ark. (tri-weekly) Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at		11:00 a.m.
Arrive at		5:00 a.m.
DEPART—For Olive Branch and Byhalia, Miss. (semi-weekly), Monday and Friday, at		4:00 p.m.
Arrive at		4:00 p.m.
DEPART—For Cuba and Big Creek, Tenn. (weekly) Friday, at		11:00 a.m.
Arrive at		10:00 a.m.
DEPART—For Little Rock and Helena, and all landings on White River (tri-weekly) Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at		4:00 p.m.
Arrive at		9:00 a.m.
DEPART—For Pine Bluff and Helena, and all landings on Arkansas river (tri-weekly) Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at		4:00 p.m.
Arrive at		9:00 a.m.
DEPART—For all landings on the Mississippi river, south, (semi-weekly) Tuesday and Saturday, at		4:00 p.m.
Arrive at		9:00 a.m.
DEPART—For all landings on Mississippi river, north, (semi-weekly) Monday and Thursday, at		2:30 p.m.
Arrive at		8:00 a.m.

JOSIAH DELOACH, Postmaster.

RATES OF POSTAGE WITHIN THE UNITED STATES.

LETTERS.

The rate of postage on letters within the United States is three cents for every letter or sealed package weighing one-half ounce or under, and three cents for every additional half ounce, or fraction thereof. Prepayment with stamps in all cases is required.

TRANSIENT MATTER.

The postage on Pamphlets, Occasional Publications, Book Manuscripts and Proof sheets (corrected or not), Maps, Prints, Engravings, Blanks, Flexible Patterns, Samples and Sample Cards, Letter Envelopes, Lithographic Paper, Letter Envelope Cards, Paper, (blank or ornamental), Photographic Representations of Different Types, Seeds, Bulbs, Roots and Scions, is at the rate of— Cents.

One package, to one address, not exceeding 4 ounces in weight 2

One package to one address, over 4 and not exceeding 8 ounces 4

One package, to one address, over 8 and not exceeding 12 ounces 6

One package, to one address, over 12 and not exceeding 16 ounces 8

All matter to which no specific rates are assigned shall be, if forwarded in the mail, at letter rates of postage.

BOOKS

Books not exceeding 4 ounces in weight to one address 4

Books over 4 and not exceeding 8 ounces 8

Books over 8 and not exceeding 12 ounces 12

Books over 12 and not exceeding 16 ounces 16

UNSEALED CIRCULARS.

Unsealed circulars, not exceeding 3 in number, to one address 2

Unsealed circulars, over 3 and not exceeding 6 4

Unsealed circulars, over 6 and not exceeding 12 6

Unsealed circulars, over 9 and not exceeding 12 8

TERRITORIAL.

The postage on books, printed and miscellaneous matter for the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska, from this date, at the same rates for such matter elsewhere, and not at letter rates, as heretofore. Prepayment at any one time, equal throughout the United States.

QUARTERLY POSTAGE.

The quarterly rates of postage on newspapers sent to subscribers, is on each four ounces or fraction thereof, five cents for weekly, ten cents for semi-weekly, fifteen cents for tri-weekly, and thirty cents for daily publications. On magazines and periodicals, for each four ounces or fraction thereof, one cent on quarterly, three cents on monthly, and six cents on semi-monthly publications. Advance payments, either at the office of mailing or delivery, will be required.

MONEY ORDER OFFICE.

The money order system is recommended for its superiority, as a safe and cheap method of transmitting small sums through the mails. Orders are issued in sums not more than $50. Larger sums can be transmitted to the same person, at the same time, by additional orders.

RATES.

On orders not exceeding $20	10 cents.
" " " $20 and not exceeding $30	15 "
" " " $30 " " $40	20 "
" " " $40 " " $50	25 "

The money order office will be open from 8 o'clock a.m. to 6 o'clock p.m.

WEIGHT OF PACKAGES SENT BY MAIL.

Section 15, act of March 3, 1863: That no Postmaster shall receive to be sent by mail any packet or package, which shall weigh more than four pounds, except books published or circulated by order of Congress.

PACKAGES TO SOLDIERS.

Articles of clothing, being manufactured of wool, cotton, or linen, and comprised in a package not exceeding two pounds in weight, addressed to any non-commissioned officer or private soldier in the National armies, may be sent by mail at the rate of 8 cents for every 4 ounces or fraction thereof, to be in all cases prepaid.

FOREIGN RATES.

BELGIUM OR THE NETHERLANDS.

[By Closed Mail via England.]

On Letters—15 cents per single rate of 15 grammes, (½ oz.) prepayment optional, but unpaid or partially paid letters subject to a fine on delivery.

On Newspapers—2 cents each if not exceeding 4 oz. in weight, and an additional rate of 2 cents for each additional 4 oz. or fraction thereof, prepayment required.

On Book Packets, Prints of all Kinds, and Patterns on Samples—2 cents per oz. or fraction thereof, prepayment required. If, however, the postage on any article shall be insufficiently prepaid, it will be nevertheless forwarded to its destination, charging with the deficient postage, and also subject to a fine on delivery.

NORTH GERMAN UNION.

(Including all the German states and Austria.)

[By Closed Mail via England.]

The rates are the same as to Belgium and the Netherlands, with like conditions as to prepayments, etc.

EAST INDIES.

[Via British Mail.]

On Letters—8 cents per ½ oz. via Southampton, and 10 cents per ½ oz. via Marseilles, prepayment compulsory. Newspapers, 4 cents; books, 16 cents.

CANADA.

On Letters—6 cents per ½ oz. if prepaid, and 10 cents per ½ oz. if unpaid.

BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

[By Direct Mail.]

Letters—10 cents per ½ oz. prepayment optional, but unpaid or partially paid letters subject to a fine on delivery.

Newspapers—2 cents per 4 oz. or fraction thereof, prepayment required.

Books, Packets, Prints, Patterns and Samples—6 cents per 4 oz. for Hamburg, or 4 cents in closed mail via England, prepayment required. If unpaid or partially paid, they will be forwarded, subject to a fine on delivery.

The registration fee on registered letters or other postal packages is 8 cents for all the above mentioned countries, prepayment of postage and fee compulsory.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

Half ounce letters, if cents prepaid, subject to a fine of 8 cents additional if unpaid; newspapers, not exceeding 4 oz., 2 cents.

Book Packets (including printed papers of every kind, maps, plans, prints, engravings, drawings, photographs, lithographic stones of music, etc.), and Patterns and Samples of merchandise (including seeds and grain) when not exceeding 1 oz., 5 cents; exceeding 1 oz. and not exceeding 2 oz., 4 cents; exceeding 2 oz. and not exceeding 4 oz., 8 cents; and 4 cents for each additional rate of 4 ounces or fraction thereof. Prepayment required.

FRANCE.

Letters, [illegible] ounce, 15 cents; half-ounce, 30 cents; New years, 7 cents; pamphlets, 4 cents per 4 ounce.

SWITZERLAND AND ITALY.

[In Closed Mail via England, Belgium and Germany.]

On Letters—15 cents per ½ oz. or fraction thereof, prepayment optional, but unpaid or insufficiently prepaid letters to be fined, in addition to the deficient postage, 10 Sgr. [illegible] of destination.

On Newspapers—4 cents each per 4 oz. or fraction thereof, prepayment required.

On Book Packets of all kinds and Patterns or Samples, 6 cents per oz. or fraction thereof, prepayment required.

MEXICO.

Letters, 5 cents half oz. paid; 10 cents Newspapers, 2 cents; Pamphlets, 2 cents per package.

NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW FOUNDLAND AND NOVA SCOTIA

For any distance not over 3,000 miles; Letters, half oz. (paid) 5 cents; Newspapers, 2 cents; Pamphlets, 2 cents per package.

For any distance exceeding 3,000 miles; Letters, ½ oz. (paid) 10 cents; Papers, 2 cents; Pamphlets, 2 cents per package.

REGISTRY OFFICE.

Valuable letters for any part of the United States, Canada, Great Britain, France, or any office of the Germanic Austrian Postal Union, will be registered at 8 cents each, and for any part of Mexico at 5 cents each. Letters registered will not be responded at at letter postage.

The registration fees, in addition to the rates of postage on letters or packets, are:

On domestic	10 cents.
On letters to Germany, or any part of the Germanic-Austrian Postal Union, or Greece	20 "
On letters to England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and Islands of the Atlantic	20 "
On letters to Germany, or any part of the Germanic-Austrian Postal Union, or Greece the same will be forwarded by Bremen or Hamburg Line of Steamers closed mail, each	20 "

Financial and Commercial.

DAILY AVALANCHE OFFICE,
MONDAY EVENING, August 23, 1869.

The trade of the city continues dull in every department, which is in part due to the prolonged and excessive heat of the weather, though there is never much going on at this season, when summer stocks are exhausted and merchants are getting in their goods with a view to the fall business. In consequence of the decline of gold, as well as from the light demand for merchandize, prices are generally unsettled and weak, but no material decline in anything is developed. The banks continue to experience a good demand for money, and deposits are generally at a low plane. Eastern exchange is in good demand and scarce with some of the banks, as to render it necessary to keep up moderate shipments of currency. There was a transaction between bankers to-day at ¼ premium. New Orleans exchange is also in light supply but dull. We quote bankers' counter rates, as follows:

	BUYING.	SELLING.
New York	par	¼ prem.
Cincinnati	¼ dis.	¼ "
St. Louis	¼ "	½ "
Louisville	¼@¾ dis.	par.
New Orleans	¾@1 dis.	par.

Dry goods and boots and shoes are very quiet and exhibit nothing of interest beyond a feeling of firmness, the busy season having not yet opened. Prices of boots and shoes will open at about last season's quotations. Dry goods will be more or less influenced by the course of cotton, the stock of which is nearly exhausted. The spinners of Fall River, as stated in our dispatches yesterday, have resorted to half time for the present on account of short supply and high prices.

The coin market was without stir, though an improvement was established early in the day, and as high as 131½ was bid on gold by one dealer, in view of the more favorable tenor of New York dispatches. As a general thing 131 was considered a full price. In New York, it opened at 131½, was 132½ at noon and closed at 132.

Scrip is inactive and it is difficult to arrive at correct quotations, but dealers give the following as nominal counter rates:

	BUY'G.	SELL'G.
City Warrants	70@75	75@80
City coupons	70@77	75@80
County Warrants	60@65	65@70
Police Warrants	60@	65@

The market for stocks and bonds continues very dull, and dealers again reported no transactions. Memphis sixes are nominally 50@51. In New York to-day Government securities improved a fraction, and closed as follows:

Bonds of 1881	112¾	112¾
5-20s of '62	112¼	112½
5-20s of '64	112¼	112½
5-20s of '65	112¼	112½
5-20s, new, of '67	112¼	112½
5-20s, new, of '68	112¼	112½
10-40s	107½	107¾
Pacific 6s	104¼	104½

New Tennessee securities were higher, and old exhibited a decline. There were sales of the latter at 61, and new were quoted 53@53½. Railway and express shares were steady at the opening but closed heavy and unsettled with prices nominal:

Canton	39	
Western Union Telegraph	37¾	
Quicksilver	14	
Pacific Mail	73½	
Adams Express	67½	
Wells & Fargo Express	19¾	
American Express	34	
United States Express	48	
Merchants' Union Express	10½	
New York Central	96½	96¾
Erie	19¾	
Hudson	179	
Reading	95¾	
Michigan Central	120	
Michigan Southern	107¾	
Illinois Central	134¾	
Cleveland and Pittsburg	93½	
Chicago and R. R.	96¾	
Chicago and N. W. preferred	90¾	
Cleveland and Toledo	102	
Rock Island	112¾	
St. Paul	80¾	
St. Paul preferred	91	
Fort Wayne	97½	
Ohio and Mississippi	30¾	

From the statistics of commerce and navigation in the Treasury report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1869, we compile the following figures showing the proportions of the leading articles of importations and exportation: The total gold value of imports of foreign goods during the year was $427,028,541. Of this amount the following were the leading articles, the figures annexed showing the per cent which their value constituted of the total value of imports of all kinds, viz: Sugar and molasses, 16½ per cent; woolen goods, including shawls, dress goods and carpets, 8 per cent; coffee, 5½ per cent; silks and silk goods, 5 per cent; goods manufactured of cotton, 4½ per cent; gold and silver bullion and coin, 4½ per cent; railroad iron, bar iron, scrap iron and steel, 4½ per cent; drugs, [illegible]micals and dye stuffs, 4 per cent; articles manufactured of flax, 4 per cent; hides and skins, 3 per cent; tea, 3 per cent; cutlery and other articles manufactured of iron and steel, 2½ per cent; china, stone and glass wares, and glass, 2 per cent; fruits, 1½ per cent; precious stones, gloves and fancy goods, 1½ per cent; wool, 1 per cent; wines and spirituous liquors, 1 per cent. All other articles in the list of imports are each in smaller proportion than one per cent of the total $427,028,541. Our exports are much less diversified. The total gold value of all exports of domestic products was $413,809,182. Of this amount, cotton constituted 40 per cent; wheat, wheat flour, corn and meal, 12 per cent; gold and silver bullion and coin, 10 per ct, petroleum, 7½ per cent; leaf tobacco, cigars and snuff, 6 per cent; beef, hams, bacon, pork, lard and tallow 5½ per cent; lumber, timber and coal, 2½ per cent; cheese, 1½ per cent; firearms and sewing machines, 1 per cent. These articles together constitute 85 per cent of our total exports of domestic products. From these figures it will be seen that raw cotton alone constitutes four-tenths of the value of our total exports of domestic products, while cotton goods only constitute one-hundredth part, and breadstuffs one-eighth. Among other things will also be noticed the growing importance of petroleum as an article of export, it being now the fourth article of importance, taking rank next to gold and silver, in equaling off the balance of our foreign account. No other article among our foreign exports ends so wide and general a market. It is exported to every quarter of the globe, and goes to [illegible] principal foreign port from Norway to Australia and from Asia to South America. From the list of importations of Hardware it will be seen that we paid out last year double as much for sugar and molasses as for any other one article or any group of articles.

The Directors of the Union and Planters' Banks to be opened in September, met to-day and elected W. M. Farrington, President, and Sam. Read, Cashier.

One of the most important of the new whisky regulations determined upon enables rectifiers, compounders and wholesalers, by complying with a certain formula or application to collectors for liberty to employ and compound spirits and change packages, to mix spirits of different distilleries and description, as they have heretofore been able to do without fraud—that is to say, to take any quantity of spirits from as many different distilleries as they may see proper, empty and mix the same and manipulate them to suit local markets and specified prices without hindrance from any source. For this privilege the only additional labor imposed is that of making application to the collector. The understanding is, however, that internal revenue officers will hereafter be expected to see that the feature of the laws which requires liquor dealers to cause from the casks which they empty all marks, stamps or brands of whatever kind on them, when they come into their possession, is strictly enforced, and it is made the special duty of gaugers to see that all marks are erased at emptying.

Cotton Market.

The demand was good and low middling found a quick market at 32c while a few bales middling changed hands at 33½c, so strong was the competition of buyers and so bare the market. Ordinary sold at 27@28c and good ordinary at 30c, but were less in demand. The Liverpool and New York markets closed steady. In the former uplands are 12½d and in the latter 33c.

COTTON STATEMENT.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
MEMPHIS, August 23, 1869.

Stock on hand Sept. 1, 1868		0
Received this week	77	
Received previously	247,475	247,552
Exported this week	77	
Exported previously	247,475	247,552
Stock on hand this day		0

The receipts since Saturday were 12 bales and exports none.

The receipts for the week are 77 bales and the exports 128 bales, against 105 bales received and 307 bales exported last week and 42 bales received and 24 bales exported week ending August 22, 1868, making receipts since September 1st, 247,552 bales, and exports 247,475 bales against 223,166 bales received and [illegible] bales exported corresponding period last season. Stock 48 bales against 91 bales last week and 61 bales in 1868.

The following table will show the monthly receipts both for this and last season:

	1868-9	1867-8
September	2,527	2,284
October	27,001	27,191
November	46,067	46,781
December	41,452	48,870
January	39,406	47,078
February	34,990	40,390
March	23,067	30,754
April	7,578	12,264
May	2,067	2,994
June	1,402	1,923
July	1,102	1,551
August 23d	70	70
Total	247,552	264,186

The Liverpool cotton statement, as telegraphed Friday, compares with the previous week's statement as follows:

Stock	228,000	250,000
Americas	100,000	125,000
Afloat	40,000	45,000
American	20,000	18,000
Weekly sales	116,000	87,000
To exporters	17,000	16,000
To speculators	30,000	17,000

According to Easton & Co.'s New York cotton circular of the 14th inst. the receipts of cotton at all United States ports last week aggregated 1534 bales, and the exports 5138 bales, making the total receipts since September 1st 2,040,851 bales, and exports 1,484,641 bales, (963,888 to Great Britain, and 450,753 to the Continent,) against 2,091,889 bales received and 1,633,121 (1,228,483 to Great Britain, and 404,638 to the Continent) corresponding period last season. It will be understood, of course, that these figures do not include the overland shipments. The statistical position of cotton is given as follows:

	1869.	1868.
Stock in Liverpool	250,000	377,000
Stock in America	100,000	125,000
Stock afloat from America	40,000	45,000
Stock in London	18,000	16,000
Afloat for Europe	40,000	125,000
Stock in Havre	52,000	2,000
Stock in Marseilles	12,000	11,000
Stock in Bremen	9,000	11,875
Afloat for Bremen	4,731	11,661
Stock in Hamburg	6,000	62,000
Stock in the interior towns	3,150	4,555
Total	1,134,440	1,569,315
Deficiency in visible supply	304,877	

Stock of cotton held by Manchester spinners at the mills, now 127,000 bales, same time 1868, 115,000 bales. Middling Orleans, now 19½d, then 10½d.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, August 23—10:15 a.m.—Cotton market opens firm. Sales at all ports Saturday, 60 bales; receipts at all ports Saturday, 148 bales. Ordinary, 30½c; middling, 35c.

1:45 p.m.—Cotton quiet and unchanged in prices.

3:45 p.m.—Cotton market closes steady. Sales to spinners, 701 bales; to speculators, 47; Contracts made for 400 bales low middling, deliverable December, at 27½, and 100, December, at 27. Ordinary, 30½c; good ordinary, 32½c; low middling, 34c; middling, 35c; good middling, 36c.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

LIVERPOOL, August 22—12 m.—Cotton market opens quiet. Middling uplands, 12½d, and Orleans, 12½d. Estimated sales for the day, 10,000 bales.

1 p.m.—Cotton market unchanged; 12½d for middling uplands, and 14d for Orleans.

4:30 p.m.—Cotton market closes a shade easier, at 12½d for middling uplands, and 14d for Orleans. Sales for the day, 10,000 bales.

GENERAL MARKET.

ALE, BEER, ETC.—Market quiet, as follows: Madison & Walker's ale per bbl, $22; do. per hf bbl, $11; do. per doz bottles, quarts, $3 75; pints, $2 25; Madison lager per hf bbl, $11; Sands' pale cream ale, per half bbl, $10 50; livery or old dorter stock, $11; tarr or sweet porter, $11; do. per quarter bbl, $6; ale, per doz. quarts, $4; do. pints, $2 25. English and Scotch ale and porter, pints per doz., $6 25@8 50; quarts, do.

APPLES—No receipts and no demand. Sales have been made as low as 25@50c per bbl, loose, from wagons.

BRAN—Dull at $17 per ton, shipping order, in first hands, with a sale on Saturday at $16 50. In a small way, $1 per hundred.

BACON—Dull and a shade lower with some holders. Clay cured clear sides, 19½@20c; shoulders, 14½@15½c; country meats 16@2c lower; choice canvassed hams, 24@25c; plain and country cured, 22@23c; common unca vassed, 18@18c; breakfast bacon, 21c.

BEANS—Navy nominally $2 50 per bushel.

BUTTER—The market continues to drag at 25@30c for choice to fancy packed, and country packed and common are nominal.

BALING STUFF—Steady in tone and prices. Heavy hemp and flax bagging 30@36c; light 18@28c; iron ties, $7 00 per mill; baling twine, 16@20c; no sale for rope.

BEEF CATTLE—No receipts.

BROOM—Active at $2 75@3 per doz, as to quality.

BUCKWHEAT—In demand at 2½c per lb.

BOTTLING MATERIALS—Market quiet and steady, as previously described. Corks, $2 per M; plates, $4 50@5 per bbl; hay, $2 75 per bale of 40 lbs; fire brick, $7@4 per hun dred; cement, Hydraulic, $4 per bbl, $2 per half bbl; Rosendale, $3 per bbl, $1 50 per half bbl.

BURIALS—Coffins quiet and steady with Rio ranging from 22c for inferior to 27c for strictly choice; the latter scarce.

CHEESE—Prices nominal and heavy. Choice factories were light and a good demand for shelled at 16c was experienced, while holders of lots inferior were generally firm at 90c, exceptions being small at 87½@88c.

CORN MEAL—The market is fairly active for kiln dried at $4 65@4 75 per bbl, but green moves slowly at $4 35@4 50 per bbl.

COTTON SEED—Common is in demand at oil factories at $15 per ton.

CRACKERS—Baker's prices by the package are as follows: Pilot bread per lb, 5c; butter crackers, 6½c; water do, 6c; soda do, 7@8c; Boston do, 8c; picnic do, 8c; sugar do, 14c; ginger do, 14c; lemon do, 14c; cream do, 14c; carraway do, 17c; macaroni snaps, 35c; crackmell biscuits, 25c.

CANDY—Prices are unchanged. In lots to the trade stick is 18@19c and plain fancy, 21@22c.

COTTON YARNS—Quiet and firm. We quote: No. 700, 17@18c; No. 600, 19@20c.; No. 500, 21@22c.; No. 400, 23@24c.

CANNED GOODS, PICKLES, SAUCES, ETC—Inactive and generally nominal. We quote oove oysters, 1 lb. cans, $1 55@1 60 and 2 lb. cans @2 50@2 60 per dozen; spiced, $4 50@5 50; lobsters, 1 lb. @2 25; condensed milk, $14 50 per case of 4 dozen; tomatoes, $2 25; peaches, 2 lbs., $4 25@4 50; pears, $2 50; strawberries, $4; pineapples, $4 25@4 50; cherries, $2 75; brandy peaches, scarce; brandy cherries, $6@6 50, sardines per case, small, $10@19 50; large, $32 50@33; pickles, in jars, pints, per dozen, $2 75; quarts, $3 75; half gallons, $5 50; pepper sauce, per dozen, $1 25@1 50; tomato catsup, $1 25@2 50; genuine Worcester sauce, $5; imitation, $3@3 50; lemon sugar, per dozen, $4 50@6.

EGGS—Lower in consequence of warm weather and excessive receipts. Sales to-day showed prices ranging from 2@25c.

FLOUR—The stock is small but buyers are cautious and sales are very light. Medium is most in request. Sales to-day were 100 bbls at $6@8 for super and choice family.

GREASE—In demand at 9@10c per lb.

FISH—No. 1 white fish, per half bbl, $10@11; shad, per half bbl, $8@8 50. Roe herring cut, per hf bbl, $7 50@8; do. gross, per bbl, $10. Mackerel, new, nominally $2 25@3 25 per kit.

GUNPOWDER—Dealers sell second hand at 15@17c, and refused at 16c.

HIDES—In demand for shipment. Dealers pay as follows: Flint, 20@21c; dry salted, 17@18c; green salted, 10@10½c; green, 8c; deerskins, 25@30c; sheepskins, 25c@$1 each.

HAY—The market continues sluggish for new timothy, though a sale of 100 bales prime at $19 on levee was effected to-day.

LARD—The market was steady, and 22c for city rendered keg, in store, was the ruling price, with 20½@21c for tierce and 23c for cadtin.

LEATHER—Market quiet. Oak sole 9 lb, 42@46c; hemlock sole, 25@30c; French calf skins 9 dozen, $30@3 6. American do., $30@50; linings per doz., $8 50@12; toppings, $13@15.

LIVE STOCK—No sale for horses and mules. Texas beef cattle $30@60 per head. No Western cattle on hand; nominally 3@5c gross. Sheep and lambs are scarce and range from $2@5 per head. Hogs dull at 7½@8c gross.

MOLASSES—Inactive and unchanged, ranging from 50 to 90c per gallon, as in quality.

NAILS—Imactive at $4 50@4 60 rates.

OILS, ETC—Quiet and unchanged. Prices by the barrel are as follows: Carbon per gal, 33@34c; raw linseed, $1 15; boiled linseed $1 20; train, $1 15; gnat, 90c; lard, No. 1, $1 50; lubricating, 50; tanner's, $1 15; turpentine, 65c.

OATS—The market was bare, excepting a few lots in store, which were held at 70@75c, shipping order, and choice old retailing at 75c.

POULTRY—Active, with sales of chickens at $3@5 per dozen for young and old.

POTATOES—No shipping demand and sales slow at $1 75@2 per bbl, shipping order, in store.

PORK—Inactive and lower. Mess in lots, $35@35 25 and $33 50 per bbl in a small way; prime mess, $32@32 50; rumps nominally, $25. No sale for jowls.

RICE—The market is quiet, with Carolina 10½c and Louisiana 9@10c per lb.

SHOT AND LEAD—Drop per bag, $2@$2 10; buck, $3 35@3 40; bar lead, 11@12c per lb; pig lead, 11½@12c.

SODA—Inactive. American, 6@8c; English, 7@9c, in various packages.

SNUFF—Garrett's bottles, 9 case, $15 90@16.

SPICES—Nutmegs per lb, $1 55@1 60; cloves, 55c; pepper, 37c; cayenne pepper per doz, $1 50; alspice per lb, 33@; mustard, choice Kentucky, per lb, 50c in 5 lb and 60c in 1 lb cans.

STARCH—Morgan's, 6@6½c; Fox's, 6½@7c per lb.

SOAP—Proctor & Gamble's German mottled, 10½@10½c; Schaeffer's German, 9½@10; yellow erasive, 8½c.

SUGAR—Quiet. Open kettle Louisiana, 13½@16c; clarified, 15½@17½c; hard refined, 17½@18c; soft refined, 15@17c; Demarara, 15½@16½c; Porto Rico, 13½@15½c.

SALT—The market continues quiet and prices unchanged. Ohio river, 280 lb bbls, $2 50@2 75; large do, $3 30@3 50; dairy, 280 lb bbls, $3 50@3 75; large do, $4 50@4 75.

TALLOW—Dull. Pine, per dozen kegs, $5 25@5 50.

TALLOW—In demand for shipment at 10c per lb.

TIN PLATE, ETC—I C, 10x14, per box, $13 50; do 14x20, $14; I X, 10x14, $16 50; do 14x20, $17 50; block tin, per lb, 49@50c; pig lead, 11½@12c.

VINEGAR—Home factories sell at 20@30c per gallon for common to choice, without charge for bbls.

WHEAT—In demand at mills at 90c@$1 30 for common to choice red.

WHISKY—Highwines are scarce and stiff at $1 15@1 17½.

Memphis Dry Goods Market.

Brown Cottons—Aspinock, 3-4, 8½; Pepperill N, 3-4, 13½; Graniteville, 7-8, 13½; Rock Factory, 7-8, 13; Virginia, 7-8, 12; Pepperill O, 7-8, 14½; Atlantic A, 4-4, 17; Pepperill R, 16; Stark A, 4-4, 17; Massachusetts BB, 16; Augusta, 4-4, 16; Standard, 4-4, 13½; Ashland, 4-4, 10; Monadnock, 10-4, 47½; Old Colony 10-4, 40; Pepperill, 10-4, 55.

Brown Drills—Petersburg, 15; Baltimore, 17½; Stark A, 15½; Graniteville, 18½c.

Osnaburgs—Southern, 7-8, 15½; Santee, 7-8, 19; Falmouth, 7-8, 20; Gra 7-8, 22½; Troupe, 7-8, 23½.

Cotton Bags—Hamilton 2 bushels 40; Arkwright, 2 bushels 50. Heavy Ducks—Twilled, 90; plain, 28½; seamless, 20 inch, 21.

Bleached Cotton—Cano 2, 29c; Union 1, 9½c; Barnsley 1, 9½c; Washington 1, 12c; Continental 1, 12c; Lippit 1, 11½c; White Stone 4-4, 18c; Red Bank 4-4, 14c; Greene 4-4, 14c; Peabody 4-4, 14c; Hope 4-4, 18c; Lonsdale 4-4, 19c; Androscoggin 4-4, 19c. Fruit of the loom 4-4, 18c. Monadnock 10-4, 47½c; Lowell 10-4, 50c; Allendale 10-4, 55½c; Pillow case 42 to 45 inches, 20@25c.

Tickings—Pittsfield 1, 11½c; Ridley 1, 14c; Phoenix 1, 15c; Lancaster 1, 15½c; Brown 1, 18½c; Conestoga 1, 23½c; Eagle 1, 21½c; Conestoga 4-4, 27c; Roanoke 4-4, 37½.

Canaburg plaids—Maryland, 12½c; Delaware, 16c; Louisiana, 15c; Cumberland, 19c; Rappahanoc, 20½c; Kentucky, 22½c; Texas, 25c; Tennessee, 27½c.

Spun Cotton—100, 22c per dozen; 500, 20c per dozen; 600, 18c per dozen; 700, 16c per dozen.

Ginghams—Roanoke, 14½c; heavy domestic, 16c; Scotch 32 to 36, 20c.

Prints—Atlantic, 7½; A. [illegible], 9½c; Arnold, 10½; Amoskeag, 12½; Amerfacan, 12½c; Allen, 13½c; Sprague's, 12½c dark do, 13½c; pink and purple, 13½c; Farnsturo 1, 26½ do 1, 13½.

Spool cotton—Coats' per dozen, 60c; Swarts' 50c; Victoria, 45c; Sea Island, 35c.

Skirt braid, 75 to 85c per dozen.

Hoopskirts—4 inch tape, 3 springs, $5 per dozen; 5 springs, $6 per dozen; 6 springs, $7 per dozen; 7 springs, $8 per dozen; 8 springs, $9 per dozen; 9 springs, $10 per dozen; 10 springs, $11 per dozen; 11 springs, $12 per dozen; 12 springs, $13 per dozen; 13 springs, $14 per dozen; 14 springs, $15 per dozen; 15 springs, $16 per dozen; 16 springs, $17 per dozen; 17 springs, $18 per dozen; 18 springs, $19 per dozen; 19 springs, $20 per dozen; 20 springs, $21 per dozen; 21 springs, $22 per dozen; 22 springs, $23 per dozen; 23 springs, $24 per dozen; 24 springs, $25 per dozen; 25 springs, $26 per dozen; 26 springs, $27 per dozen; 27 springs, $28 per dozen; 28 springs, $29 per dozen; 29 springs, $30 per dozen; 30 springs, $31 per dozen; 31 springs, $32 per dozen; 32 springs, $33 per dozen; 33 springs, $34 per dozen; 34 springs, $35 per dozen; 35 springs, $36 per dozen; 36 springs, $37 per dozen; 37 springs, $38 per dozen; 38 springs, $39 per dozen; 39 springs, $40 per dozen; 40 springs, $41 per dozen; 41 springs, $42 per dozen; 42 springs, $43 per dozen; 43 springs, $44 per dozen; 44 springs, $45 per dozen; 45 springs, $46 per dozen; 46 springs, $47 per dozen; 47 springs, $48 per dozen; 48 springs, $49 per dozen; 49 springs, $50 per dozen.

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